



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 29, 2006

For more information contact:
John Valls, Marketing Manager
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Office: 361.885.6158
Cell: 361.779.5646

**Port of Corpus Christi Chairman Ruben Bonilla awarded
prestigious *Order of Los Dos Laredos* by the
Laredo Chamber of Commerce**

(Corpus Christi, TX) --- Port of Corpus Christi Chairman Ruben Bonilla was awarded the prestigious *Order of Los Dos Laredos* by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at a luncheon held at the Laredo Country Club. This year the Laredo Chamber presented the award to three individuals whose labor in the promotion of trade on a regional basis exemplifies the “Los dos Laredos” spirit of cooperation and collaboration between two countries. Joining Chairman Bonilla as recipients are Joseph Krier, President/CEO of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and Daniel Pena Trevino, President Municipal, Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., Mexico.

“I am honored to be included among such fine company for the prestigious *Order of Los Dos Laredos* award by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. This award illustrates a fine example of the strategic partnership we enjoy with our port colleagues in Laredo and of the importance we place on enhancing our future trade linkages and efforts to realize the La Quinta Trade Gateway,” said Ruben Bonilla.



The *Order of Los Dos Laredos Awards* forms part of a long-standing tradition within the Laredo Chamber and has been part of the Chamber's annual awards ceremony for the last 20 years. The Chairman of the Board presents it annually to an individual (individuals) who promote trade, friendship and/or greater interaction between the U.S. and Mexico. Former recipients of the *Order of Los Dos Laredos Award* include:

- State Senator Judith Zaffirini
- Max Mandel, former Chairman of the Board for Laredo National Bank (deceased)
- Mercurio Martinez, Jr., former Webb County Judge

Last year's recipient was Javier Garza, a former banker who served on the Board of the Texas Department of Economic Development. Chairman Bonilla was also recently awarded the *Business Advocate of the Year* by the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce for his role in promoting the use of local businesses in port related projects and for expanding trade opportunities of the port.



Guillermo "Memo" Trevino, Chairman-Laredo Chamber of Commerce and his wife Tammy with Ruben Bonilla, Chairman-Port of Corpus Christi, immediately following presentation of the Order of Los Dos Laredos award.