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13 EDUCATORS FROM MEXICO HONORED AT CAPITOL CEREMONY

LINCOLN – Thirteen educators from Mexico were honored on Monday at the Capitol Building in appreciation of their service to Nebraska public education.

The 13 educators were teaching in the state as part of the Binational Migrant Education Teacher Exchange Program with the Department of Education.

The educators are Jorge Ramirez Agüero of Zacatecas, Luis Garza Aguilar of Ciudad Victoria, Lindsay Martinez Baldenegro of Hermosillo, Alethia Gomez Carrillo of Tampico, Erick Castañeda Enriquez of Guadalupe, Alejandra Quiñonez Esquer of Hermosillo, Luis Cardenas Gamez of Tepic, Edna Rivera López of Tampico, Alaide Terriquez Oliva of Guadalajara, Adriana Cepeda Olivares of Tampico, Maria Analhí Peña Reyes of Ciudad Obregon, Hilda Valadez Ruvalcaba of Guadalupe and Marissa Ibarra Trejo of Xalisco.

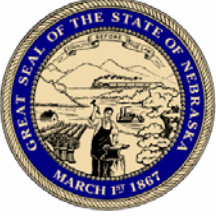
The educators taught at several public elementary schools in Alliance, Columbus, Madison, Omaha and Scottsbluff for several weeks starting in May or June. They shared their knowledge of Mexican art and culture and helped the students make their own piñatas, *Ojos de Dios* and learn some Spanish. They also taught the students about Mexico's geography, food and famous Mexicans such as artist Frida Kahlo.

Their day began with a tour of the Capitol followed by the ceremony in the Rotunda where they were thanked for their service by Mexican Consulate Guadalupe Sanchez Salazar, the Commissioner of Education Dr. Matthew Blomstedt and Dept. of Education Migrant Education staff. Each educator shared a presentation on their home city and region of Mexico.

The ceremony concluded with Secretary of State John Gale awarding the educators honorary Nebraska citizenship. They will begin returning to Mexico in late June and July 2015.

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Note: Photo Available. From left to right (Standing) Latino American Commission Director



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Arturo Spindola, Educator Alaide Terriquez Oliva, Educator Edna Rivera López, Educator Hilda Valadez Ruvalcaba, Dept. of Education Commissioner of Education Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Consul of Mexico Maria Guadalupe Sanchez Salazar, Secretary of State John Gale, Dept. of Education Senior Administrator Equity & Instructional Strategies Dr. Mary Ann Losh, Educator Alethia Gomez Carrillo, Educator Marissa Ibarra Trejo, Educator Adriana Cepeda, Educator Alejandra Quiñonez Esquer, Educator Maria Analhí Peña Reyes, Omaha Public Schools Coordinator of ESL Susan Mayberger, Educator Lindsay Martinez Baldenegro and Dept. of Education Migrant Education Program Moderator Sue Henry. (Kneeling) Educator Erick Castañeda Enriquez, Educator Jorge Ramirez Agüero, Educator Luis Cárdenas Gámez and Educator Luis Garza Aguilar.