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11 EDUCATORS FROM MEXICO HONORED AT CAPITOL CEREMONY

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

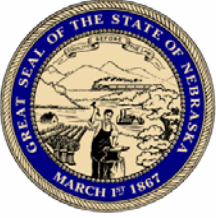
The 11 educators were teaching in the state as part of the Binational Migrant Education Teacher Exchange Program with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Each educator was recruited from a different state in Mexico to teach at Nebraska public elementary schools in Bayard, Columbus, Gering, Lincoln, Madison, Nebraska City, Omaha, O'Neill, Schuyler and Scottsbluff. Each educator taught for several weeks starting in May or June.

The educators are Edgar Delgado of San Luis Potosi, Alejandra Quiñonez Esquer of Sonora, Jaime Gomez Garcia of Jalisco, Jorge Luis Garcia of Jalisco, Pascacio Arturo Gutierrez of Colima, Joel Guzman del Villar of Zacatecas, Nathalie Mota of Hidalgo, Hector Almaraz Pacheco of Zacatecas, Rocio Sanchez of Morelos, Jose Sarmiento of Oaxaca and Nalleli Garcia Vargas of Hidalgo.

They taught Nebraska children about Mexican culture, art, music, folklore, national identity, history, traditions, games like Loteria and Spanish. They also visited with local migrant families and had a table at Omaha's World Refugee Day event.

The educators were honored at the ceremony in the Capitol Building's Warner Chamber where they were recognized by Mexican Consulate Guadalupe Sanchez Salazar, Deputy Commissioner of Education Dr. Deborah A. Frison, the Dept. of Education's Federal Programs & Title I Administrator Diane Stuehmer, Latino American Commission Executive Director Dr. Arturo Spindola and Migrant Education staff. Each educator gave a presentation on their home city in Mexico, and an overview of their teaching activities in Nebraska.



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The ceremony concluded with Secretary of State John Gale thanking them and awarding each educator honorary Nebraska citizenship. They will begin returning to Mexico in late June and July 2016.

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Note: Photo Available. From left to right: Jorge Luis Garcia of Jalisco, Hector Almaraz Pacheco of Zacatecas, Jose Sarmiento of Oaxaca, Nalleli Garcia Vargas of Hidalgo, Jaime Gomez Garcia of Jalisco, Rocio Sanchez of Morelos, Nathalie Mota of Hidalgo, Pascacio Arturo Gutierrez of Colima, Alejandra Quiñonez Esquer of Sonora, Edgar Delgado and Joel Guzman del Villar of Zacatecas.