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### **BHCC Commends U. S. Senate on Confirmation of new U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez**

AUSTIN, Texas - The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) is proud to observe the full confirmation of Thomas E. Perez as the new U.S. Secretary of Labor by the Senate today.

“This is another amazing milestone for Hispanic public leaders in the United States as we bear witness the appointment and full confirmation of another Hispanic public official to a major executive cabinet position,” said BHCC Chairwoman and Illinois State Representative Maria Antonia Berrios (D-IL). “Today is an incredible day for young Latinos in the United States as they chart out their dreams of having positive impacts on their world through public service.”

The BHCC congratulates Perez on this amazing achievement and expresses our sincerest gratitude for helping advance the current state of Hispanic public leadership for our nation. He has an outstanding record of public service and incredible credentials that will help provide a more than sufficient background to excel in this new role. Before this position, Perez served as the assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice and before that served as the secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Perez now becomes the 26<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Labor and only the second Hispanic to hold the position. He will follow the tenure of the first Hispanic appointee to the position, former U.S. Secretary

of Labor Hilda Solis. The confirmation of Perez for this cabinet position helps pave the way for future Hispanic public leaders to continue to seek higher offices at all levels of government.

The BHCC lauds the U.S. Senates' bi-partisan effort in confirming Perez today and encourages President Obama to consider additional Hispanic public officials as appointees for remaining vacant cabinet positions, as well as any vacancies in the future.

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The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, non-partisan organization comprised of Hispanic state legislative leaders from across the nation and is the national entity for the country's network of Hispanic state legislative caucuses. If you would like to learn more about the BHCC please visit our website at [www.bohcc.com](http://www.bohcc.com)