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**TMC CEO Honored with Tejano Achiever Award**

To celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, LULAC Council No. 12 honored community leaders Thursday evening at their annual benefit awards banquet held at the Laredo Country Club. “During the month of October, LULAC No. 12 pays tribute to the many talents, accomplishments, and contributions of prominent national, state and local leaders and organizations who are respected and admired as they continue to preserve and enhance the Tejano culture, values and educational opportunities for everyone”, stated Edgardo Bueno – LULAC No. 12 President.

Under the category of Education Services, TMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Capello was honored as a Tejano Achiever. “As the first female CEO of TMC, Mary Capello has brought the Council’s program to a new level of success serving communities in eight different states”, stated Mr. Bueno.

“I believe that the work and accomplishments of a person are the product and reflection of the people who have been in the life of that person. Therefore, I accept this award on behalf of everyone who has had a positive influence in my life” stated Mary Capello as she received her honor.

Ms. Capello ended her comments by thanking her staff in the eight states we serve. “My passion has always been to help families in need and to create opportunities for the children we serve; you have made this a reality for me. Without you I do not think I could be able to meet the personal goals that my mother set out for me”.

**Background**

The banquet held by LULAC No. 12 is held yearly to raise funds for scholarships which are awarded to needy outstanding students who plan to continue their education by attending a college or university of their choice. This year 12 community leaders and a major organization were honored as Tejano Achievers.