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Statement on the passing of CLLARO (LARASA) founder, Judge Roger Cisneros and his wife, Adelia Cisneros

DENVER - We were heartbroken to learn of the passing of former Colorado Senator and Colorado District Court Judge Roger Cisneros and his wife Adelia Cisneros. A champion of civil rights, Judge Cisneros served Colorado's Latino community for more than 50 years. Judge Cisneros was appointed to the State of Colorado District Court in 1978 and was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1964.

1964 was also the year that Judge Cisneros helped to found the Latin American Research And Services Agency (LARASA), now known as the Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO), an organization committed to providing leadership development programming, trusted policy research and advocacy on the issues that impact Latinos across our state. CLLARO also presents an annual award in his name: "The Roger Cisneros Public Service Award," which is presented to an elected official who devotes their time to advocating for Latinos in Colorado through public policy and by engaging decision-makers in the public and private sectors.

Judge Cisneros' work as a critical voice and advocate for the empowerment of Latinos in Colorado extended beyond the bench and the legislature. He also served on the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, Denver Human Relations Commission, and founded the Latin American Education Fund and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Both Judge Cisneros and Adelia were loved and will be dearly missed. We will continue the work of CLLARO to honor their memory and to realize their vision of a Colorado where Latinos are achieving their fullest potential.

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The Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to realizing a Colorado where Latinos achieve their fullest potential since 1964. We do this by providing leadership development programming, trusted policy research and advocacy on the issues that impact Latinos in Colorado, especially in the areas of health, education, and aging. For more information, please visit cllaro.org.