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Hispanic chamber gives award

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The Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented its 2007 Community Achievement Award to Irving Schools Foundation for outstanding contribution to the Spanish-speaking community in Irving during its third annual banquet at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Sept. 15.

The Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes individuals, businesses, public institutions and nonprofit agencies that have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of the Hispanic community in Irving.

→ The Irving Schools Foundation was awarded for recognizing the sacrifices made by military families and for setting up the first scholarship honoring a fallen Latino soldier from Irving who died in Iraq. The Irving Schools Foundation raised more than \$30,000 to set up the Marine Lance Cpl. Nazario Serrano scholarship.

Myrna Mercer accepted the award on behalf of the Irving



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From left, Mike Mora, Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce chairman, presented the 2007 Community Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the Irving Hispanic community to the Irving Schools Foundation, represented by Myrna Mercer. Michael "Mico" Rodriguez, CED of M Crowd Restaurant Group, was keynote speaker.

Schools Foundation.

The Irving Schools Foundation has set up and awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships for deserving young Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike as well as grants and scholarships for teachers in the Irving ISD.

The Irving Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce serves as a resource, forum and advocate for Hispanic-serving businesses and supports the advancement, education and economic growth of Irving and its Spanish-speaking community.

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