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Iowa LULAC to honor Latino senior citizens during special event

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DES MOINES – The Iowa League of United Latin American Citizens, Council 307, will honor Hispanic and Latino senior citizens from Central Iowa this weekend.

The event, which will feature speeches by National LULAC Midwest President Maggie Rivera and National LULAC Vice President for the Elderly Bertha Urteaga, is at 1:30 p.m. March 10 at the South View Senior II Apartments Community Room, 1900 S.E. Sixth St. in Des Moines. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is the first time an event such as this has been held for Latino and Hispanic senior citizens in Des Moines.

"My goal is to acknowledge elderly Latinos who have been in the community for a long time and contributed to our community," said Mary Campos, Iowa LULAC's deputy state director for the elderly and a longtime advocate for the Latino community in Des Moines.

More than 50 Latinos have been invited to the event. Campos says the event is an opportunity to honor those Latinos who are residents of the Des Moines area. Their contributions range from being community advocates to starting a business to choosing to raise their families in Central Iowa, she said.

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the oldest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. There are more than 880 local LULAC councils, which hold voter registration drives, provide awareness to residents about language and immigration issues, sponsor programs and advocate for Latinos.

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