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FNC's Mrs. Regueiro received a special surprise and prestigious recognition from U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Hialeah, Florida – July 6, 2010 – Mrs. Maria C. Regueiro, Florida National College's Co-founder and President, received a very special surprise this morning from Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart visited FNC's Main Campus in Hialeah to award the two 2010 Florida National College (FNC) Scholarships to the winning recent high school graduates. Before the Scholarships were awarded, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart eloquently honored Mrs. Maria C. Regueiro for the contributions and many years of commitment and dedication that she has given the South Florida community. The surprise was that on Thursday, March 25th, 2010, Mrs. Regueiro was acknowledged in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. for posterity on record in the Library of Congress Congressional Record 111th Congress (2009 – 2010) page E500. Being recognized in this way was indeed both a surprise and great honor for Mrs. Regueiro.

Congressman Diaz-Balart expressed his "great admiration" for Mrs. Regueiro and her late husband, Dr. José "Pepe" Regueiro, both pillars of education in Hialeah and beyond. Mrs. Regueiro humbly accepted this recognition remembering her late husband, by saying "Pepe was the visionary leader." Quoting "When there is determination and you believe in yourself, nothing can stop you, when there is a will there is a way" excerpted a glimpse into late Dr. José Reguerio's philosophy and vision which is still very much alive at FNC.

Members of FNC's family: faculty, staff, administrators, and Board of Governors' were present during the announcement of the U.S. House of Representatives award proclamation. The Diaz-Balart Scholarship and the Jose Regueiro Scholarship were awarded to Ms. Laura Muñiz and Ms. Darlin Roman.

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Florida National College is regionally accredited by the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)*, providing quality higher since 1982. For more information, call 305-821-333 or visit www.fnc.edu.

Mission statement

"The purpose of Florida National College is to contribute to the education of a population of diverse, presently predominantly Hispanic, cultures. The college realizes this mission through the employment and development of a faculty of scholars who are proficient in the art of teaching. The College strives to prepare the students for employment in their chosen career or advanced studies through the acquisition of the required skills and knowledge needed for the successful completion of the program of studies. Florida National College strives to provide the educational facilities and resources that support intensive sessions of study in small classes, in order to foster in the student the attainment of a quality college education according to the students' personal goals, and the advancement of modern technology. Furthermore, Florida National College provides educational and cultural programs intended to enrich the community it serves."

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