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**April 24, 12, 2012 (MIAMI, FL)** – On Thursday, April 19, 2012, on the occasion of celebrating the beginning of the Venezuelan struggle for its independence from Spain, the Congress of the United States recognized a select group of Venezuelans for their outstanding work and contribution to the nation. The honorees included entrepreneurs Miami Symphony Orchestra's Eduardo Marturet, David J. Osío, Adriana Cisneros, Hilda O. Brillembourg, Doctors Leonardo Henriquez and Jesus Gómez, athlete Omar Vizquel, and Designer Nicolás Felizola, among others.

The event has been an initiative of Congressman (R) of Florida, David Rivera, in honor of that group of Venezuelans who through their career and performance have contributed to the development of the United States as well as the strengthening of the Hispanic leadership in the American society.

"It gives me great pride to recognize the great contributions of the Venezuelan American community in the United States. These prestigious figures have excelled in the sciences, arts, sports and business greatly and positively contributing to the development of this country. They are the best representation of the greatness of the Venezuelan people," said Rep. Rivera who also chose the important date of April 19 for its invaluable significance in the history of Venezuela.

Maestro Eduardo Marturet as well as the other honorees, received from Congressman Rivera a Medal of Merit of the U.S. Congress together with a Congressional Certificate of Recognition, and the U.S. Flag.

Given this acknowledgement, Marturet said, "I am very honored to have been considered for this recognition and to be among such a distinct group of Venezuelans who all exemplify the beauty and hard work of Hispanic people both in the US and abroad. I feel very grateful that our hard working culture is celebrated in such a prestigious way."

The award ceremony was held at the office of International Affairs of the House of Representatives. The event will be hosted by renowned Venezuelan-American internationalist and communicator Lourdes Ubieta, who resides in Miami, and stated: "I was very happy when I was invited to participate in this recognition of my countrymen because they all worthily represent our beautiful Venezuela. It is an honor and immense pride to be able to accompany them on such an important day."

#### **ABOUT THE MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The Miami Symphony Orchestra (MISO) is considered a decisive contributor to Miami's cultural fabric. Ambitious, accomplished and respected far beyond the city's boundaries, the symphony enjoys the status of a Major Cultural Organization. Additionally, its energy and talent are significantly supported by federal, state and local entities, including grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the state Division of Cultural Affairs, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council. With national and world premiers becoming more common, the MISO is a source of growing local pride and support. Since 2006, the symphony's baton has been in the hands of Maestro Eduardo Marturet, a Venezuelan composer and conductor acclaimed on three continents. The not-for-profit symphony also conducts an in-school arts and education program for elementary school students in the Miami-Dade Public School System and provides low- or no-cost tickets to students and senior citizens in South Florida. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.themiso.org](http://www.themiso.org)



Pictured from Left to Right: Florida Congressman David Rivera, Athina Marturet, Eduardo Marturet, U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen as they present Miami Symphony Orchestra's Eduardo Marturet with the Medal of Merit in Washington, DC.

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