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GOVERNOR MANUEL ANGEL NÚÑEZ SOTO OF MEXICO TO SPEAK AT USF

Manuel Angel Núñez Soto, Governor of Hidalgo, Mexico, will speak at the University of South Florida on Friday, February 28, 2003, following his meeting with Florida Governor Jeb Bush. The lecture, "Mexico-U.S. Relations at the Crossroads: Implications for Immigration Policy," will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the USF Tampa Special Collections Department at the Tampa campus library. The lecture is sponsored by the Globalization Research Center and Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Governor Núñez completed his undergraduate degree in Economics at Mexico's Autonomous University and graduate degrees in Public Administration, Foreign Trade and Finance from institutions in Italy and France. Between 1991 and 1993, Mr. Núñez served as head of Mexico's office in Canada responsible for the NAFTA negotiations. Later, he returned to Mexico and accepted a position at the Ministry of Trade and Commerce. In 1997, he was elected the State Deputy, and in April of 1999, he became the Constitutional Governor of the State of Hidalgo in Mexico. Mr. Núñez has written several papers and has participated as guest speaker in different national and international seminars and conferences with topics related to politics, public administration, economy, foreign trade, and finance. In addition, Mr. Núñez has acted as a country representative in international forums such as the Parliamentarian Conference of the Americas; the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT); the United Nations Conference on Commerce and Development (UNCTAD); and the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), among others.

In addition to speaking at the University, Governor Núñez will also serve as the honorary witness to an international collaboration agreement between the Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Universidad Autónoma de Hidalgo, and the University of South Florida. This agreement will establish the University of South Florida as a partner institution on international migration research between Hidalgo, Mexico, and Clearwater, Florida.