

THANK YOU DR. GUTIERREZ FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION, AND GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO CAMACOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA.

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE CAMACOL FAMILY FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY TO JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING THIS MILESTONE IN CAMACOL'S HISTORY.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS PROUD TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS RESIDENTS.

WITH ITS COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, CAMACOL HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO DO JUST THAT FOR FIFTY YEARS.

CAMACOL IS THE LARGEST HISPANIC BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IN OUR STATE.

IN FACT, IT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MINORITY BUSINESS GROUPS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND CAMACOL IS USING THAT INFLUENCE IN PURSUIT OF ITS MISSION: TO FOSTER

**THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF FLORIDA'S
HISPANIC AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES.**

**CAMACOL'S TRADE PROGRAM HELPS FLORIDA'S
EXPORT COMMUNITY CONNECT TO INTERNATIONAL
TRADE LOCATIONS, FROM LATIN AMERICA ALL THE
WAY TO AFRICA.**

**AND THE HEMISPHERIC CONGRESS, ANOTHER
MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
ESTABLISHED BY CAMACOL, HAS PROMOTED THE
PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND THE FREE
MARKET FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES.**

**IT HAS HELPED BUSINESSES ESTABLISH
COMMERCIAL LINKAGES IN THE DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE.**

**IN DOING SO, IT HAS FOSTERED ECONOMIC GROWTH
AND CREATED JOBS FOR MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS
WHICH IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD
OF.**

**CAMACOL HAS FURTHER EXPANDED
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINDING WORK THROUGH ITS
INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT THE FILM AND
TELEVISION INDUSTRIES HERE IN FLORIDA.**

THOSE ARE REAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIAMI-DADE RESIDENTS THAT EXIST THANKS TO EFFORTS MADE BY THIS ORGANIZATION.

CAMACOL IS ALSO WIDELY RECOGNIZED IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR ITS HOLIDAY BASKET GIVEAWAY.

THIS PROGRAM HELPS FEED THOUSANDS OF HUNGRY FAMILIES EVERY YEAR.

IT'S A DEMONSTRATION OF CAMACOL'S DEDICATION TO CIVIC RESPONSABILITY AND GOODWILL, SOMETHING THAT OUR COMUNITY IS GRATEFUL FOR EACH HOLIDAY SEASON.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MR. MARIO GUTIERREZ WHO HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO WORKING TOWARD ALL OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THANK YOU MR. GUTIERREZ FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS ORGANIZATION, AND THUS, YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO NELSON TARKE, JR., WHO

WILL BE SWORN IN AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF CAMACOL LATER THIS EVENING.

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED TO PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY OF OUR RESIDENTS, TO HELP OUR ECONOMY FLOURISH AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A MORE COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LIVE THANK YOU...

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND I WISH YOU AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

