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Mexican CofC honors Dr. Garcia and Ruben Bonilla

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The 1980s have been heralded has spread into 35 states. as the decade that will be marked as a people, both politically and

Chamber of Commerce last night sory Committee." during its awards and installation Bonilla characterized the 1980s banquet.

the American G.I. Forum, and of the past. Ruben Bonilla, national president American Citizens, were cited for unity among Mexican-Ameri- said.

were recognized by those of us spect locally it deserves. who benefit the most from their work," said Steve Morales, the recognize the respect LULAC has chamber's past president. It was nationally and internationally," the first time for either man to be he said. "LULAC's boldness to-

"Bonilla has really put the by the prominence of Hispanics name of Corpus Christi on both a national and international basis," economically.

And two men who have been instrumental in making this movestrumental in making this moves.

Morales, said. "Also, he has opened a direct pipeline between Hispanics and the administration ment a reality were recognized by the Corpus Christi Mexican tice Department's Hispanic Advi-

as a time when Hispanics will Dr. Hector Garcia, founder of work to eliminate the stereotype

"We will work in unison with of the League of United Latin other progressive groups in American society to overcome their achievements in promoting vestiges of discrimination." he

In addition, Bonilla said LU-"We felt it was time both men LAC in the 1980s will get the re-

"Corpus Christi doesn't fully recognized by the Mexican cham- day is no different than the boldness of LULAC founded in 1929. Bonilla was recognized primar- The philosophy is the same. As their respective ground ily for his work in the expansion of long as there is a hungry Mexitable SER programs.

LULAC, an organization founded can-American child or inequality in Corpus Christi in 1929, which or discrimination, there is a necessity for LULAC."

> Garcia was honored by the businessmen because of his efforts to keep the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station from being closed by the U.S. Defense Department.

Garcia said he viewed the decade as "a hard challenge," in which Hispanics will have "to use our knowledge and wits to achieve our goals." Among the goals he cited for 1980 are:

• Remedying "the denial of education to children of illegal aliens.

• "Removing all vestiges of discrimination against own Mexican American children.

· More recognition on the national level.

 Better understanding with Mexico.

In addition to the chamber honors, both Garcia and Bonilla were honored by the SER-Jobs for Progress organization for their respective groups support of



Ruben Bonilla is congratulated by Harold Thomas for his achievement

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