

October 26, 2005- Passing of Former Congressman Ed Roybal

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October 26, 2005 Congresswoman Sanchez Statement on
Death of Former Congressman Edward Roybal

WASHINGTON, D.C. –Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez issued the following statement on the passing of former Congressman Edward Roybal:

“I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Roybal family. It is with great sadness and respect that I say farewell to former Congressman Edward Roybal of Los Angeles, California. Although I did not have the privilege of serving with Ed in Congress, he was a dear friend and role model. He and his daughter Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, a close friend and colleague, were early supporters of my candidacy for Congress.

As the Founder of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Ed was a pinnacle force in helping advance the Latino agenda in Congress by working to improve education and providing equal opportunities. A true trailblazer, Ed was the first Mexican American elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 1949, since the 1880s, and worked to hard to increase the number of Latino elected officials.

Ed’s legacy in the U.S. Congress and strides in the Latino community will never be forgotten. Ed continues to be an inspiration for all of us."