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In 2007, Dr. Laura Murillo was named President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce **with the support of the Chamber Board and staff she has set unprecedented records in membership and revenue – and is now among the largest Hispanic Chambers in the country.** Two years after taking the helm, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce won the National and Regional Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award from U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Marketer of the Year by the American Marketing Association three times during her tenure.

**As the Founding President & CEO of the Chamber's Foundation, she established the Emerging Leaders Institute which has graduated over 200 young professionals. Murillo is the Founding Executive Producer/Host for the Chamber's Radio and Television Programs on CBS, Entercom, Univision, and the KUBE57 (with a cumulative audience reach of 3.3 million).**

**She holds a B.A, Master's Degree, and Doctorate from the University of Houston where she served as an Executive for 15 years and became the youngest Director in UH history.** The University of Houston bestowed its highest honor, the President's Medallion, to the Chamber and Dr. Murillo. Prior to her current role, she served as an executive at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for 7 years and served on the CEO's Executive Committee.

In 2018, she was named Houston Business Journal's **"Most Admired CEO"**, **"Distinguished Alumni Award"** by the University of Houston, and Houston Latin American Philharmonic named her **"Mother of the Year."** She has received many state, national and international honors including being named among the **"Most Powerful & Influential Women in Texas"** and the **"Top Latino Leader Award"** by the National Diversity Council, 2017 **"Power 25 Houston Award"** by Walker's Legacy, **"Woman of the Year"** by Success Magazine, the "International Leadership Award" by Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation, and CKW LUXE **"Top 20 Impact Maker Honoree"** and the **"Global Impact Award"** by Global Seven.

Dr. Murillo was featured in The Houston Chronicle's 2016 **"Women Who Run Houston"** article, and was named as **"Outstanding Service Honoree"** by the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation. The National MBA Organization honored her with the **"Excellence Award"** and D-mars.com named her as an "Icon Honoree." She was also named "Top 10 Who's Who in Business" and has been named among the **"Top 5 C-Suite CEO's"** by the Houston Business Journal. In 2014, she was honored with the **"Hispanic Leadership Award"** by the National Football League (NFL) to name a few.

The **"Ohtli Award"** - the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government to a Mexican American was awarded to **Dr. Murillo for her advocacy and civic leadership in 2016.** She has been included at several U.S. Presidential Inaugurations and most recently accepted an inaugural invitation from Mexico's President, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. **Several Houston Mayors have included Dr. Murillo on international business delegations to: Brazil, Turkey, China, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Peru, Chile and other countries.**

**Dr. Murillo serves on the Houston BBVA Compass Board of Directors, the University of Houston Board Of Advisors, University of Houston College of Medicine Committee, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board, Mayor's Hire Houston Board, Co-Chair for the Harris County International Committee, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority, Executive Committee, the Houston Super Bowl Committee, the Houston Symphony Hispanic Advisory Board, the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau Board, St. John's School Audit & Finance Committee, and the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Advisory Committee.**

**The youngest of nine children, she was born to Mexican immigrant parents and was raised in Houston's East End/Magnolia where she began working at age 10 at her family business. She is the proud mother of Marisa and Mia. Marisa is a sophomore at Columbia University in New York and Mia is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade honors student at St. John's School in River Oaks.**