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**~ THE HISPANIC 100 FOUNDATION'S 7th ANNUAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GALA
TO HONOR ACTOR LOU DIAMOND PHILLIPS ~**

The Mentor Program prepares today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders by establishing relationships between young Hispanic students and influential Hispanic leaders

Orange County, Calif. (September 14, 2016) – The Hispanic 100 Foundation, continuing its mission of educating tomorrow's leaders, proudly announces its 7th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award Gala honoring actor, director, writer and producer, Lou Diamond Phillips. The event will take place on **October 1, 2016** at the Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach starting at 6:00 pm. The Lifetime Achievement Award Gala is Hispanic 100's largest fundraising event with proceeds benefiting the Foundation's Mentor Program and Scholarship Fund.

"We are thrilled to be continuing our tradition of honoring a successful individual for both their professional and philanthropic accomplishments. It is our privilege to award Lou Diamond Phillips with this year's lifetime achievement award for his decorated resume and extensive community outreach" said **Mario Rodriguez**, Chairman of Hispanic 100.

"Lou Diamond Phillips has a passion for preserving culture and enriching community. His dedication to both his professional commitments and civic responsibilities make him a prominent role model, and someone that we are proud to honor at this year's gala" added **Julio Gudiño**, Board Member and chair of this year's gala.

Award-winning actor **Lou Diamond Phillips** has had an extensive career in Hollywood both in front of and behind the camera. Starring in such films as "Stand and Deliver", "La Bamba", "33", "Young Guns", "Courage Under Fire", and many others. He is currently seen in the critically acclaimed Netflix hit drama "Longmire", and also recently played a pivotal role in the new NBC series "Blindspot".

Past Hispanic 100 Lifetime Achievement Award honorees include award-winning actor **Danny Trejo**, actor and activist **Esai Morales**; chair of the Board, US Hispanic Media, Inc., **Monica Lozano**; singer, **Vicky Carr**; actor, **Tony Plana** and the Oscar nominated actor **Edward James Olmos**.

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ABOUT HISPANIC 100 FOUNDATION

The Hispanic 100 Foundation, established in 2013, is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that provides educational advancement opportunities to today's Hispanic youth through the establishment of a Mentor Program. By establishing relationships and connections between young Latinos, ages 18 through 25, with prominent business, political, and nonprofit leaders involved in Hispanic 100, the Foundation continues to advance its mission of providing educational opportunities for tomorrow's leaders.