

TERESA LOZANO LONG, ED.D.

Cultural Leadership

Born and raised in the small South Texas town of Premont, Dr. Teresa Lozano Long came from a rich Hispanic heritage, earned herself an excellent education centered on health studies, and connected with her culture and community through the arts. She has spent a lifetime sharing her time and treasure through the promotion of Latino culture, education, health and the arts.

The 1945 Valedictorian of Premont High School, Long first came to Austin to earn her bachelor of science and master of education degrees at The University of Texas. She returned to South Texas to teach in Alice before settling for good in the Capital City with her husband, Joe, and becoming the first Hispanic ever to complete a doctorate in health and physical education at UT Austin.

Together, Teresa and Joe created The Long Foundation, to promote programs statewide that provide opportunities for young Texans to improve their potential. The Foundation's Lozano Long \$10 Million Promise to Hispanic Texas is a permanent endowment to benefit the state's Hispanic youth. The Foundation also provides educational scholarships at eight higher-education institutions, as well as supporting arts and civic programs.

In 2000, the Longhorn alumni gave UT Austin a \$10-million endowment to support what is now called the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin



American Studies, honoring the importance of Latin America in the future of our country.

With their contribution of \$20 million, the Longs became the lead donors for the renovation of Austin's Lester E. Palmer Auditorium on Auditorium Shores. Today, the Joe R. and Teresa L. Long Center for the Performing Arts graces the city with its architectural beauty, cultural enrichment and economic enhancement.

In 2008, the Longs gave \$25 million to establish the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Scholarship, Research and Teaching Fund at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Among the largest cash gifts in UT System and Health Science Center history, the Fund includes permanent endowments for research of diabetes and other diseases widespread in South Texas.

Teresa Lozano Long has served on dozens of boards and committees around the state and across the country, including Presidential appointments to the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Council on the Arts. Long has been recognized extensively for her generosity and leadership, including as a Distinguished Texas Exes Hispanic Alum, a University of Texas Distinguished Alumnus, an inductee into the UT Department of Kinesiology and Health Education Hall of Honor, and, with her husband, a recipient of the Texas Medal of Arts Award, among many others.

The Longs have been married since 1958.



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