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**Clerk Dorothy Brown Honors the Contributions of Latinos  
in the U.S. During Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**

CHICAGO (Oct. 12, 2005) – The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the Clerk’s Office Hispanic Committee hosted a celebration “Sabor Latino (Latin Flavor),” in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

“Our Hispanic employees are integral to our diverse staff and contribute to the cultural environment of our office,” said Clerk Brown. “We are fortunate to have employees from various Hispanic cultures such as Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian and Puerto Rican.”

“Sabor Latino” featured dance and food presentations produced by employees from various Latin American regions including the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. Artifacts and flags from the different regions were also displayed.

Clerk Brown opened the program by acknowledging the contributions of Hispanic people in the United States.

Following opening remarks, the Hispanic Employee Committee presented a gift to Clerk Brown for recognizing Hispanic culture and celebrating all ethnicities and community groups.

Entertainment was provided by the dance group Nacional Iglesia Holy Cross (National Holy Cross Church) from South Chicago. The group performed traditional Mexican folklore dances.

“The Latin influences on American culture are worthy of recognition this month and throughout the year,” said Clerk Brown.

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**The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), poses with members of the Clerk's Office Hispanic Committee during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, "Sabor Latino (Latin Flavor)" held on Oct. 6 in the Richard J. Daley Center.**



**The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), poses with dancers from the Nacional Iglesia Holy Cross (National Holy Cross Church) group of South Chicago after their Mexican folklore dance performance during the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, “Sabor Latino” held Oct. 6 in the Richard J. Daley Center.**