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VENEZUELA TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 5TH

AT NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

WORLD'S FAIR, N.Y., JULY 2 -- THE VENEZUELAN PAVILION WILL CELEBRATE THE 154TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE WITH MUSIC, SONGS, DANCES AND APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AT THE PAVILION STARTING AT 2.30 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 5.

CEREMONIES WILL START WITH THE PLAYING OF THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ANTHEM BY PAUL LAVALLE AND HIS CITGO BAND AND THE RAISING OF THE VENEZUELAN FLAG. OFFICIAL WORLD'S FAIR COLOR AND HONOR GUARD BOY SCOUTS WILL PRESENT THE VENEZUELAN FLAG TO BE RAISED.

VENEZUELAN ACTING COMMISSIONER OF TOURISM GERONIMO MARCANO WILL INTRODUCE NEW YORK CONSUL GENERAL DR. PARRAGA VILLAMARIN AND HONORED GUEST DR. LEOPOLDO CORREA, CONSUL GENERAL IN MONTREAL, CANADA, WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT VIVID MOMENTS OF VENEZUELA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.

AFTER THE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES, THE VILLARROELS, OUTSTANDING VENEZUELAN FOLKLORE GROUP, WILL PERFORM THEIR EXCITING RENDITION OF THE FAMOUS VENEZUELAN DANCE, THE ALMA LLANERA IN COLORFUL NATIVE DRESS ON A SPECIAL PLATFORM OUTSIDE OF THE PAVILION. FOLLOWING THE ENTERTAINMENT, SOUVENIRS OF THE OCCASION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE CHARMING VENEZUELAN PAVILION HOSTESSES, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR. GASTON PARRA, ACTING COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE PAVILION.

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