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NEW ORIGINAL SCULPTURE OF BOLIVAR, AND AN EPICUREAN FEAST FROM THE BOLIVARIAN COUNTRIES TO HIGHLIGHT OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOT'S BIRTHDAY

WORLD'S FAIR, N.Y., JULY 21 -- A CELEBRATION OF THE 182ND BIRTHDAY OF SIMON BOLIVAR, THE GREAT LIBERATOR OF LATIN AMERICA, WILL BE HELD AT THE VENEZUELAN PAVILION, SATURDAY, JULY 24 AT 11 A.M. WITH A RECEPTION FOR DIGNITARIES FROM THE SIX LATIN AMERICAN BOLIVARIAN COUNTRIES AND SPECIAL GUESTS. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCCASION WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF A NEW BUST OF BOLIVAR, RECENTLY EXECUTED BY JOSE PIZZO, PROMINENT VENEZUELAN SCULPTOR, AND A "LUCULLAN FEAST" OF NATIVE DISHES SALUTING THE COUNTRIES OF COLOMBIA, BOLIVIA, PERU, ECUADOR, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA, WHICH BOLIVAR FREED.

SIMON BOLIVAR, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "THE FATHER OF LIBERTY OF SOUTH AMERICA," IS A LEGENDARY FIGURE EVEN IN THE UNITED STATES. HIS DEDICATION TO FREEDOM IS COMMEMORATED BY AN EQUESTRIAN STATUE AT THE HEAD OF THE AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS AT CENTRAL PARK IN NEW YORK CITY. HIS NAME HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MANY TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. HE LED A VICTORIOUS ARMY OF PATRIOTS IN A TORTUROUS MARCH OVER THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN 1819 TO LIBERATE VENEZUELA. IN FOLLOWING YEARS, HE SUCCESSFULLY LED FORCES WHICH FREED BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND PANAMA. BOLIVAR WAS AN ADMIRER AND FRIEND OF LAFAYETTE, WASHINGTON AND NAPOLEON. SHORTLY BEFORE HE DIED IN 1830, HE FORMED THE FIRST "LEAGUE OF NATIONS" THAT RESULTED IN THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF 1825.

THE FEAST OF NATIVE DISHES WILL FEATURE A SPECIALTY OF EACH COUNTRY LIBERATED BY BOLIVAR. THE GOURMET MENU WILL INCLUDE -- PISCO SOURS AND ANTICUCHOS FROM PERU, SEVICHE FROM ECUADOR, SANGOCHO FROM PANAMA, HALLACAS FROM VENEZUELA, FRUITS FROM BOLIVIA AND COFFEE FROM COLOMBIA.

SALUTING THE PATRIOT BOLIVAR WILL BE ADDRESSES BY DR. ELOY PARRAGA VILLAMARIN, CONSUL GENERAL OF VENEZUELA AND DR. ENRIQUE TEJERA PARIS, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

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/NOTE TO EDITORS -- VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR DR. ENRIQUE TEJERA PARIS WILL DELIVER AN ADDRESS AT THE PRIVATE LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, JULY 24. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS BEFORE AND AFTER THE LUNCHEON. FOR FURTHER INFO PLS CALL FRED MAMMER OF JONES, BRAKELEY & ROCKWELL,

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