

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: DRAFT

Name of Marker:

MARÍA GUTIÉRREZ SPENCER
1919-1992
Advocate for Social Justice

County: Dona Ana

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text
XX New Marker

NMDOT District: _____

NMDOT Highway: _____

Suggested Site for Installation:

On the campus of New Mexico State University.

Existing or Proposed Text:

Punished for not speaking English in school, María Spencer devoted her life to validating the Indo-Hispano experience. A graduate of Berkeley and NMSU, she was the pioneer of bilingual bicultural education in NM, founding BOLD: Bicultural Orientation and Language Development and training teachers worldwide while battling cancer for 50 yrs. She was honored by the Wonder Woman Foundation along with Rosa Parks in 1981.

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Papers of María Gutiérrez Spencer, UNM Center for Southwest Research, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Interview: Laura Gutiérrez Spencer, conducted in Las Cruces on May 12, 2014 by David Pike.

Interview: John Goehring, conducted by phone on May 21, 2014 by David Pike.

“Former Las Cruces a Wonder Woman Award Recipient.” Las Cruces Sun News. Wednesday, November 14, 1984.

Gutiérrez de Prieto, María. “The Community Can Be Sold on Spanish.” New Mexico School Review. April 1, 1952.

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