



Edward L. Romero's service and dedication to our community, to our state, and to our country makes him an ideal recipient of the 2004 Outstanding Recognition Award in the Senior Hall of Fame.

A descendant of a family whose ancestors came from Spain to North America in 1598, Edward has worked to gain recognition and respect for Hispanic culture nationwide. He is a founding member of the Albuquerque

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and served on the congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's board of directors. He was named Region 1 Hispanic Businessman of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration in September 1989 and was named National Hispanic Businessman of the Year by the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce that same year. In 1991, he was named in the publication "Hispanic Heroes - Portraits of New Mexicans Who Have Made a Difference," edited by Rose Diaz and Jan Dodson Barnhart. He is a co-founder of the Hispanic Cultural Foundation and National Hispanic Cultural Center. One of the highlights of his career was his appointment as the United States Ambassador to Spain and Andorra in 1998.

He was the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Advanced Science, Inc., which later merged with Commodore Applied Technologies, Inc. and is also a founder of Valor Telecommunications Southwest, LLC and RTM International.

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