



Pictured (left to right) Mr. Julio Gonzalez, nominator, Dr. Luis E. Qeral, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Mrs. Gladys Boluda, nominator and Mr. John C. Fiastro, Jr., nominator

## **Lifetime Achievement Award Dr. Luis E. Qeral**

Nominated by Mr. Julio Gonzalez, Dr. Jorge A. Giro, Mr. John C. Fiastro, Jr and Sra. Gladys Boluda –

Mr. Julio Gonzalez wrote:

**For close to 40 years Dr. Luis E. Qeral, has reminded our Spanish speaking community of the importance of cultural unity with the realization that power is the result of being united. He has always insisted in the importance of maintaining fluency in our language and in passing this legacy to our children.**

**In the 1980's, Dr. Qeral attended a medical clinic at Indian Town Gap, Pa. for 3 months, rendering medical services to 20,000 Cuban refugees.**

Dr. Jorge A. Giro wrote:

**Dr. Qeral has created several scholarship funds at Towson University for Hispanic students and one scholarship at Peabody Conservatory. Dr. Qeral was founder and past president of the Cuban Circle in Maryland (Circulo Cubano de Maryland), a member of the Maryland Advisory Board of Baltimore County in 1993, a member of the Maryland Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Human**

**Rights. At his initiative in Baltimore City on September 5, 1998, Dr. Queral with several members of the Spanish community built a monument dedicated to the Cuban patriot Jose Marti that has served as an inspiration to all citizens in the State of Maryland.**

Mr. John C. Fiastro, Jr wrote:

**His tenacious and completely voluntary effort in publishing “El Mensajero” monthly that has left his mark in the community. Every four weeks Dr. Queral starts from scratch in producing this newspaper that has served to bind the Hispanic Community together for close to thirty years. His articles are not just reflective on the past and our community’s history but also on the future and where we, as people, are moving.**

Sra. Gladys Boluda escribio:

**Tengo el placer de nominar al Dr. Luis Emilio Queral, el Dr. Queral ha dedicado gran parte de su vida a servir a nuestra comunidad Hispana, no solamente poniendo su tiempo sino tambien su bolsillo cuando la situacion lo demandase.**

**Tanto el Dr. Queral como su esposa la Dra. Eva Ramos ejercieron la profesion medica en la ciudad de Baltimore por muchos anos hast su retiro, sus oficinas siempre estuvieron abiertas para tratar gratuitamente a todos aquellos que no tenian medios para pagar, en casi todos los casos tambiaen recibian los medicamentos gratis.**

**Padia seguir hablando de los meritos del Dr. Luis Emilio Queral por tiempor indefinido pero yho estoy segura que hay muy pocas personas en nuestra comunidad que puedan igualar o sobrepasar la contribucion hecha a nuestra comunidad por el Dr. Queral.**

Accomplished Surgeon.

Member and Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Hispanic Affairs for several administrations.

Organizer of the first and second Hispanic Festival in Towson.

Founder of Spanish Fiesta Inc a non-profit civic and cultural organization.

Creator of the Hispanic Library section at the Towson University.