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FRATERNITY AGAINST PREJUDICE REMARKS

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Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity Inc. was founded in response to uphold the Latin Culture, unity and equal rights. It's unfortunate, almost 32 years later Lambda Theta Phi is still battling arrogant and demeaning "leaders" whose suggest the American Dream is threatened by immigrants and their culture.

On April 1, 2007, Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich equated bilingual education to living in the ghetto, by stating, "The American people believe English should be the official language of the government. ... We should replace bilingual education with immersion in English so people learn the common language of the country and they learn the language of prosperity, not the language of living in a ghetto."

This statement is rooted on racism and reflects the distain immigrants face on a daily basis. As an organization of college educated Latino males, Lambda Theta Phi believes bilingualism is not a disability but a privilege, skill and connection to our roots. Latinos, as well as other groups, have made a great positive impact to this country. While we protect our language and culture; we fight as members in the Armed Forces, pay taxes, work on Wall Street and the farms, live next to Gingrich and the ghetto, all the while speaking *Ingles. Nuestro Espanol es nuestro orgullo* and it will not be a baggage by our reality.

Many were raised and born in the ghetto, but language is not the barrier, instead sense of community, compassion for our counterparts, and confidence of neighborhood revival keeps us tied to our community. Mr. Gingrich, the American Dream remains the same for your forefathers as it is for the millions yet to arrive and enter our shores and borders.

Lambda Theta Phi respects all opinions; nevertheless our culture is not up for negotiations.

Founded in 1975 at Kean University in Union, New Jersey, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. is the first national recognized Greek-letter organization founded as a Latin Fraternity. The membership of Lambda Theta Phi is open to all college men who support its values of scholarship, respect for all culture, community service, and the advancement and fair treatment of Latinos. Lambda Theta Phi was the first Latin Fraternity to be recognized by the North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC) and today, has over 90 Chapters and Colonies in, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. More information about Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. can be found on www.Lambda1975.org.

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