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Senator Serrano Hosts Annual Black History Month Celebration

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Senator Jose M. Serrano and Congressman Jose E. Serrano hosted their annual Black History Month Celebration at Hostos Community College. The celebration was a lively affair, with over 200 people in attendance. Attendants enjoyed an afternoon of live music, delicious food, and awards that honored those who paved the way for equality throughout their professional and personal lives. This year the esteemed honorees were Congressman Charlie Rangel, Civil Rights Hero Claudette Colvin, and community leaders Etta Ritter and Pastor Frederick Crawford.

"During this month's black history celebration, it was my privilege to honor some truly extraordinary individuals for their contributions to society. This event is always a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude to all the African American pioneers and trailblazers who have

worked so hard to make our nation great! Their contributions are felt on a daily basis and should not be limited to being celebrated and acknowledged just once a year. My sincere thanks to all our honorees, colleagues and community residents who joined us yesterday and a special thanks to Hostos Community College for hosting us!"