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Mexican Independence Bicentennial

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Welcome to all of you here today. We're here to both note an important event in the history of our neighbors in Mexico and to welcome to our campus a very special guest, Jacqueline Moran-Rosas, consul for cultural and community affairs with the Mexican Consulate in Detroit.

Consul Moran-Rosa (moRAHN ROEsa) will speak to you in a moment. I would like to thank her for traveling across the state to be with us today and for her willingness to help all of us add to our knowledge of Mexican history and the importance of this date.

I understand it's a dual celebration this year as Mexico celebrates 200 years of independence from Spain as well as the 100th anniversary of the start of the Mexican Revolution. I look forward to learning more about this celebration of liberty, as I'm sure we will find parallels to our own annual celebration of independence.

I count the opportunity to learn about other cultures and their celebrations as one of the major benefits of university life. I felt that way as a student, and it has become a basic part of who and what I am today. For the students here today, I urge you to listen and learn and take every opportunity to broaden your horizons and look at familiar landscapes with fresh eyes.
(FYI Consul Moran-Ross will speak after you and will show two very short videos. Then a young Mexican-American from the Detroit area will speak. The actual day of celebration like our July 4th is Sept. 16. The event is sponsored by: Division of Multicultural Affairs, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Latino Student Alliance.)