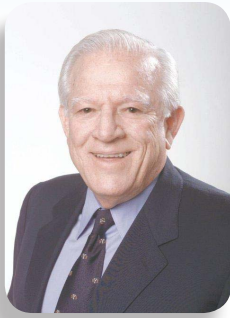




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Carlos Romero Barceló, Esq.
Former Governor

Carlos Romero-Barceló is the first former Governor of Puerto Rico to serve in Congress. He is a tireless crusader with over 26 years of experience in public service, who has led the fight for equal rights for the disenfranchised U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico.

In 1968, Romero-Barceló was elected Mayor of Puerto Rico's capital city of San Juan by 36,000 votes, the largest margin ever obtained by a candidate for mayor. Re-elected Mayor in 1972.

In 1976, he became the first Hispanic elected President of the National League of Cities and elected Governor of Puerto Rico. He was re-elected in 1980. In 1981, Governor Romero-Barceló was elected Chairman of the 19-Member Southern Governors Association.

In 1993, Romero-Barceló became Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington. In the 1996 elections, he was re-elected to a second four year term to serve as Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico. He won by more than 70,000 votes.

Romero-Barceló graduated from Philips Exeter Academy in 1949. He earned his B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Yale University in 1953, and earned his law degree from the University of Puerto Rico in 1956. He practiced law as a trial lawyer, mostly in the Federal courts for ten years before running for Mayor of San Juan.