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Federacion Puertorriqueña de Patinaje Artístico Sobre Hielo

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Puerto Rico Mourns the Loss of Beloved Figure Skating Advocate and Accomplished Medical Doctor Dr. Ruben Montes

San Francisco, CA – The Puerto Rican Figure Skating (PRFSF) is deeply saddened to announce the death of Dr. Ruben E. Montes, MD, dearest friend “El Angelito”, “The Angel”, and beloved Medical Coordinator, Technical Committee member, and Judge. Dr. Montes passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, January 15, 2007 at his home in San Francisco.

A strong community contributor, Dr. Montes was and is truly loved in the figure skating family. Along side of work for the PRFSF, Ruben served in a variety of capacities from board member of the Skating Club of San Francisco, a Gold test and Novice Competition judge, member of US Figure Skating’s Sports Medicine Committee, and a prospective ISU International judge. He was soon to become, our motherland Puerto Rico’s first ISU International Judge. He has made history and he will remain forever more in the official capacity of Puerto Rico’s first figure skating Judge.

A respected professional and intellectual, Dr. Montes, a graduate of Stanford Medical School, had recently completed a fellowship at Harvard University, and was the head of Neurology at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco.

Dr. Ruben Montes’, heart-felt commitment and passion in the process of developing young Puerto Rican athletes in the world of figure skating will be greatly and dearly missed. Further, as noted by PRFSF President, Lynette Spano, “his willingness and excitement to be a part of what we stand for, what we strive to achieve, and what we are to become, will ring in our hearts for eternity”.

In memory of “Rubencito” the PRFSF will honor his name and memory at our 2007 Puerto Rican National Championships to be held in New Jersey, March 10, 2007. A foundation scholarship, “Ruben Montes Foundation Scholarship”, has already been established, which will be devoted to fostering the development of motivated skaters of Puerto Rican heritage who need financial assistance.



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Ruben Montes has and will continue to serve as a role model. It is our goal to promote his passion for the art of figure skating and his contribution to young Puerto Rican skaters. Our hearts are with his family and partner David.

For more information or to make a contribution to "Ruben Montes Foundation Scholarship" please contact the above or write:

"Ruben Montes Foundation"

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