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Embassy Honors Senator Marco Rubio

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says Ambassador Pinzón*

Washington, DC — Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón hosted a dinner last night at his Dupont Circle residence to honor Senator Marco Rubio, whom he called a true champion of Colombia in the U.S. Senate.

"I have known Senator Rubio for many years now, and he has been a long-time friend to Colombia," said Ambassador Pinzón. "You are a champion of freedom, a champion of a strong America and a champion of a prosperous and peaceful Colombia."

Ambassador Pinzón specifically recognized Senator Rubio for supporting Plan Colombia – the U.S.-Colombia initiative implemented more than 15 years ago that sparked transformation in Colombia and helped bring an end to the world's longest-running civil war there. He thanked the Senator for helping secure funding for the next phase of U.S. support for Colombia – the Peace Colombia initiative – which was included in the FY17 budget deal last week.

"The Peace Colombia initiative is vital to Colombia's continued transformation and will help Colombia, the strongest U.S. ally in Latin America, become an even stronger partner to the United States," said Ambassador Pinzón.

Senator Lindsey Graham also attended the dinner, and Ambassador Pinzón thanked him for this support as well.

"Colombia would not be where it is today without the support and friendship of the United States and not without leadership from Senators like you, Marco, and your colleague Lindsey Graham. The U.S.-Colombia alliance is truly a shared success, and we look forward to our continued work together to achieve even more for both our nations," concluded Ambassador Pinzón.

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