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The Latino Coalition Strongly Condemns the Statements of CNN's Jack Cafferty Calling the Attorney General a "Water Boy"

– TLC Urges CNN to Fire Cafferty for this Racist Remark –

Washington, D.C. – The Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition today called on CNN to condemn the statements by Jack Cafferty during his appearance in CNN's The Situation Room on March 12th. During the show, Mr. Cafferty referred to the U.S. Attorney General as the "President's Water boy". CNN should follow the steps of CBS and MSNBC during the Imus scandal and fire Mr. Cafferty.

"This kind of rhetoric from a journalist is simply unacceptable and racist," said TLC President Robert G. Deposada. "We cannot be hypocritical when it comes to racist statements in our national media. If the Attorney General was an African American, and Mr. Cafferty would have called him a water boy, the entire media establishment and civil rights organizations from across the country would be calling for Mr. Cafferty firing."

"Attorney General Gonzales is a highly qualified and very accomplished professional. For anyone to call this highly respected Latino a water boy, is simply outrageous and shows enormous amounts of prejudice," Deposada added. "Almost every national law enforcement group has praised the accomplishments of this Attorney General. So for Mr. Cafferty to call him the 'President's water boy', is simply a hidden racist remark targeting the first Latino to serve as the U.S. Attorney General."

"We urge CNN to follow the steps of CBS and correct this irresponsible behavior, by firing Mr. Cafferty. Racist and intolerant remarks cannot be condoned or promoted."

The Latino Coalition is a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. TLC was established to address policy issues that directly affect the well-being of Hispanics in the United States. TLC's agenda is to develop and promote policies that will foster economic equivalency and enhance overall business, economic, and social development of Hispanics. For more information please visit our website at www.TheLatinoCoalition.com.

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