

## Curriculum Vitae

**Carmen V. Menéndez-Piernes** was appointed Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in 1998. A staunch collaborator of Honorary Consul General Rolando J. Piernes, she has contributed to foster trade, tourism, cultural exchanges and strengthen the ties between Thailand and Puerto Rico, a U. S. territory. His services to the Kingdom of Thailand beloved King Bhumibol Adulyadej bestowed upon her two Royal Decorations: The Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant, in 1997; and the Noblest Order of the Crown of Thailand in 2004. The Consular Corps of Puerto Rico, formed by the representatives of around 40 nations, acknowledged her work as honorary consul and her contributions to the organization with a Plaque of Honor for Meritorious Service in 1991; in 1992 it granted her the Order of the Consular Merit.

Honorary Consul Menéndez-Piernes worked at American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. for over thirty five years. She occupied several positions before becoming Market Head, Global Corporate Services for Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and US Virgin Islands. She retired in 1998. In 2012 she obtained a Master Degree in Translation (English and Spanish) and also became an interpreter. She now works as an independent translator and interpreter.

Throughout her career she has received numerous awards and recognitions. In 2003 she was s exalted to the American Express Global Corporate Services Hall of Fame. For her contributions to the community, she received the Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels, granted by the Governor of Kentucky, Hon. Paul E Patton in 1997, an honor she shares with Sir Winston Churchill and President Bill Clinton. Since 1997 she has been an Academic of Number

of the Interamerican Academy of Science and Culture. In 2002 Honorary Consul Menéndez was recognized by the Puerto Rico Chapter of the United Nations Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as an Illustrious Woman of Puerto Rico. Caribbean Business named her Distinguished Executive Woman of Puerto in 2002.

She is member of several international charitable organizations, including the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher and the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. Honorary Consul Menéndez is married to the Hon. Rolando J. Piernes, Honorary Consul General of Thailand.