



Henry Cisneros was nominated by President Clinton to serve as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1992. As a member of President Clinton's Cabinet, Secretary Cisneros was responsible for federal housing and economic development. He administered fair housing activities as well as federally assisted housing and economic development programs throughout the nation. Henry Cisneros began his career in public service working as an administrative assistant in the San Antonio City Manager's office. In 1971, he was selected as a White House Fellow and worked as an assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson. Henry Cisneros also served as deputy chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Until he was named Secretary of HUD, he served as a board member of the Rockefeller Foundation, chairman of the National Civic League and chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Construction of San Antonio's Alamodome. Cisneros graduated from Texas A&M with a B.A. and M.A. in urban and regional planning. He earned an MA in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from George Washington University. Henry Cisneros has received numerous awards and honors. In 1982, he was selected as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of America" by the U.S. Jaycees. Four years later, City and State Magazine named him Outstanding Mayor, and in 1991, VISTA Magazine awarded him with its Hispanic Man of the Year honor. Born on June 11, 1947 in San Antonio, Cisneros married Mary Alice Perez in 1969. They have two daughters, Teresa and Mercedes, and a son, John Paul.