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### **UGA SAFETY INSTRUCTOR NAMED TO NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY BOARD**

**(ATLANTA)** UGA Child Passenger Safety Instructor Marilu Montalvo traveled to Washington D.C. this week after being named as the new Diversity Representative for the National Child Passenger Safety Board. The trip marked Ms. Montalvo's first meeting with the national organization in 2005. The National Child Passenger Safety Board maintains a certification program for states, communities and organizations to provide standardized direction and technical guidance for child passenger safety training.

Ms. Montalvo, who works as Training Coordinator and Child Passenger Safety Instructor for the University of Georgia's Traffic Injury Prevention Institute, was named to the national Diversity Representative post earlier this month. The appointment to the National Child Passenger Safety Board is for a two-year term.

Montalvo said, "I'm so honored and excited to represent the state of Georgia, the University of Georgia-GTIPI, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in this way. This appointment presents an important opportunity for me to help bring child passenger safety education to diverse communities across the country." The Diversity Representative position is designed to provide recommendations and guidance to assist diverse communities on the best practices for implementing certified child passenger safety education programs.

Marilu Montalvo is both a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor and a professional Spanish interpreter and translator. "I'm delighted with the opportunity to help save the lives of our children from motor vehicle crashes," she said before leaving for the nation's capitol.

GOHS Director Robert Dallas congratulated Ms. Montalvo on her National Safety Board appointment. "Our roadways are truly the melting pot of America," said Director Dallas. "Marilu has demonstrated time and again her ability to educate drivers from diverse populations who transport children on our highways. We in Georgia are excited that she will represent the efforts of all Americans to improve child passenger safety."

The Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute (GTIPI) of the University of Georgia has actively addressed child passenger safety issues for 18 years. GTIPI provides education to the public and offers national child passenger safety certification classes to law enforcement agencies, childcare providers, community organizations, and medical and health professionals.

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