



**Remarks of Katherine Nuñez, introducing the keynote speaker
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Hello, everyone. My name is Katherine Nuñez, and I have the pleasure of introducing our keynote speaker tonight, Xavier Becerra.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra was sworn in as the state's chief law enforcement officer on January 24, 2017. He previously served 12 terms as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and, while in Congress, he was the first Latino to serve as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. He has demonstrated a record of fighting for working families, ensuring the vitality of Social Security and Medicare programs, and addressing issues that have an impact on job-generating industries such as health care, clean energy, technology, and entertainment.

Attorney General Becerra was born in Sacramento, California, and is the son of working class parents. He is the first in his family to receive a four-year degree and his Juris Doctor, both from Stanford University. He and his wife, Dr. Carolina Reyes, are the proud parents of three daughters: Olivia, Natalia, and Columbia Law School's very own member of the Class of 2019 Clarisa.

With that, it is my pleasure to introduce our 2019 keynote speaker, the California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.