

## Rafael "Tatito" Hernández Montañez

### Speaker of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico

Speaker Rafael "Tatito" Hernández Montañez was born on April 14, 1972 in the town of Dorado. He is married to Mrs. María Maritza Torres Rivera, and he has two children, Rafael Luis and Alanis Marie.

Tatito, as he is affectionately known, attended the José S. Alegría High School where he graduated from the Business Administration Program with a concentration in Accounting. Upon graduation, he entered the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Surveying and Cartography. He served for eight years in the United States Navy. Recently, he completed a Juris Doctor from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

In 2008 he was elected at the House of Representatives by an ad-large vote. He was a key member of the Budget, Appropriations, Ways and Means Committee, Housing and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. In 2012 he revalidated as representative of District 11, which includes the towns of Dorado, Vega Alta and Vega Baja, and went on to become the chair of the powerful Finance and Budget Committee, in which he presented far-reaching legislation for Puerto Rico. During the past four years (2016-2020) he was the House Minority leader of the Popular Democratic Party, a position in which he distinguished himself by his effective oversight.

In his tenure as representative, he legislated a government framework that resulted in the discipline necessary to maintain the efficient operation to offering of essential government services. Likewise, it has passed 34 laws of its authorship, in which the following stand out: the Puerto Rico Social Interest Mortgage Market Law, the Law of the Fiscal Recovery Fund of the Government of the Commonwealth, the Mechanisms Law Tax Audit Cash, the Law of the Geospatial System of the Commonwealth, the Law of Control of Fiscal Information and Permits, and the Law of the Interagency Portal of validation for the Concession of Incentives for the Economic Development of Puerto Rico, among others.

Before being elected to the House of Representatives, he worked for 16 years in the mortgage industry. He also presided over the Mortgage Loan Intermediation Company and worked as a Real Estate Broker in the northern area of Puerto Rico. On the other hand, he worked at the CRIM in Dorado as a "Catastral" Systems Consultant, Project Management and Permits, and Real Estate Acquisition.

The Speaker's favorite hobbies are playing football, baseball, and swimming. He also enjoys visiting the beach and spending time with his family, who are his highest priority.