

# *Cuban women pay tribute to Vilma Espín on 13th anniversary of her death*

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Santiago de Cuba, June 18 (RHC)-- The Federation of Cuban Women (FMC) paid homage to Vilma Espín on Thursday in front of the monolith that keeps the ashes in the Mausoleum to the Martyrs of the Second Eastern Front. Today, June 18th, marks the 13th anniversary of her death.

Floral offerings were deposited next to the monument of the revolutionary fighter of the Sierra and El Llano in the name of Army General Raul Castro Ruz, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, and the people.

Teresa Amarelle Boué, Secretary General of the FMC, told those present that Vilma, from the Second Front, expressed with much emotion to Celia Sánchez that they were making a revolution for the advances in health, education and agriculture in that area -- the motto of the 60th anniversary of the organization she founded.

The creation of agricultural contingents made up of thousands of women, the women's and family orientation houses, the Center for Women's Studies and the Women's Publishing House are examples of her many battles for women's empowerment, said the State Council member.

"Vilma is reborn today in every scientist who, from her research to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, revives in doctors, nurses, paramedics and students who face this contagious disease on the red line," she added.

Later, Amarelle Boue presented the FMC 60th anniversary medal to the Frank País García Historical Museum Complex II, received by its director, Colonel Alberto Vázquez García. Fifteen young people from the municipality received the membership card that accredits them as members of the FMC.

Likewise, the creative women received recognition for the making and free distribution of nasobucos (face masks), as well as three families of collaborators who were in Lombardy facing the virus.

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