To Desiderio Hernández Xochitiotzin

The image of Tlaxcala City’s chronicler (cronista) and muralist Desiderio Hernández Xochitiotzin (1922–2007) was painted at the foot of the statue of sixteenth century warrior Xicoténcatl in the Plaza Xicoténcatl in honor of the muralist’s 80th birthday. Xochitiotzin served as the official historian of Tlaxcala City for over 20 years. His murals in the Government Palace serve as an unofficial history for all those who visit Tlaxcala.

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