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*Banco de la República*, in compliance with Law 1903 of 22 June 2018, makes available to the public, for commemorative purposes, the coin of the Bicentennial of the sacrifice of the national heroine Policarpa Salavarrieta. The coin will be available to the public as of **10 January 2023**.

The coin's obverse shows the image of Policarpa Salavarrieta, based on an 1855 portrait by painter José María Espinosa. Known as "*La Pola*", she is the most famous heroine of Colombia's Independence. She was born around 1795 and was executed in Bogotá on 14 November 1817 for conspiring and spying in favor of the patriots of the plains of Casanare at the height of the Spanish reconquest. It also includes the legend "POLICARPA SALAVARRIETA" and "200 YEARS OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE HEROINE".

The coin's reverse shows the house where Policarpa Salavarrieta lived in *Guaduas, Cundinamarca*. It is located a little more than a block from the main park, and its one-story construction, with adobe walls and a palm roof, is testimony to the daily life of a family of medium wealth in its time.

The reverse is inscribed with the following elements: i) the year of minting authorization, 2019; ii) a latent image as a security element that, depending on the angle from which it is viewed, will reflect the initials "BR" or the Arabic numeral "10"; iii) the words "*Museo Casa de La Pola*"; iv) the denomination of 10,000 Colombian pesos, v) the word "*REPÚBLICA DE COLOMBIA*."

We thank all the citizens who have been interested in acquiring the commemorative coin of the Bicentennial of the sacrifice of the national heroine Policarpa Salavarrieta. Given the success of the sale of this coin, *Banco de la República* will evaluate the possibility of issuing an additional coin. This situation will be timely informed.