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**THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT THANKED THE
DEDICATION OF THE EMERITUS JUDGES ON THE OCCASION OF THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY: “THANKS TO THEIR EFFORTS, THE
CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND RIGHTS HAVE BEEN MADE
EFFECTIVE”**

In a ceremony held in the framework of the 40th anniversary of the institution, the President of the Constitutional Court, Juan José González Rivas, thanked the work done by all those judges who have been part of this body in its four decades of history: *“Thanks to their effort and dedication, the principles and rights recognised in the Constitution have been made effective”*.

During the tribute, which took place this Wednesday at the headquarters of the Court, González Rivas commemorated all those renowned jurists who have served the Court since 1980 and whose responsibility, work and resolutions have led to the authentic interpretation of the Constitution, as well as to the defence of fundamental rights and freedoms and of the social and democratic rule of law.

On the occasion of the presentation of the book “Fundamentos de lo contencioso-administrativo” (Foundations of the administrative procedure), written by Judge emeritus Jorge Rodríguez-Zapata and published by Tecnos, President González Rivas reflected on the historical evolution of this jurisdiction, from its creation to the present day, and on its contribution to the democratic system.

In his intervention, he highlighted some of the specific aspects in which the constitutional jurisdiction involved amendments in the legal texts of the administrative procedure. He made special mention of article 106 of the Constitution, which constitutionalises the administrative jurisdiction and allows it to control the legality of the administrative action and the exercise of regulatory power.

The author of the book, Jorge Rodríguez-Zapata, the Director of the publishing house Tecnos, Manuel González Moreno, and Judge emeritus Rafael Gómez-Ferrer Morant, who was one of the first 12 members of the Constitutional Court that were appointed in 1980, also participated in the event.

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