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Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

Whereas, from September 15, 2026, through October 15, 2026, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census estimates the Hispanic population living in the 50 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico at more than 70,100,000 people, making Hispanic Americans approximately 21 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States;

Whereas, in 2025, there were 1,000,000 or more Hispanic residents in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and in each of the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington;

Whereas, in 2024, the Hispanic population in the United States reached almost double its size compared to 2000;

Whereas, from 2000 to 2024, Hispanics grew the population of the United States by 32,710,000 individuals, accounting for more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total population growth of the United States during that period;

Whereas, in 2023, the Latino population in the United States was projected to increase by nearly 8 percent by 2060;

Whereas, in 2022, approximately 19,000,000 children, or 26 percent of all children, in the United States were Hispanic;

Whereas, in 2022, 29 percent of public school students in the United States were Latino, and, in 2021, 9 percent of kindergarten through 12th grade teachers were Latino;

Whereas, by 2041, the number of Hispanic high school graduates is expected to grow by 16 percent;

Whereas, in 2024, approximately 21 percent of Latinos aged 25 or older held a bachelor's degree or more education;

Whereas, as of 2021, an estimated nearly 2,500,000 Latinos in the United States held advanced degrees;

Whereas an estimated 16,573,000 or 51 percent of eligible Hispanic voters in the United States reported they voted in the election of November 2024;

Whereas, in 2026, more than 36,000,000 Latinos are eligible to vote in the United States;

Whereas, measured by gross domestic product, the economy of Latinos in the United States ranked as the fourth largest in the world in 2024;

Whereas, as of 2023, Latino-owned businesses have created nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ of all new jobs in the United States and contributed more than \$100,000,000,000 in annual payroll;

Whereas, in 2024, Latinos in the United States contributed approximately \$4,400,000,000,000 to the gross domestic product;

Whereas, as of 2025, Latinos have accounted for approximately 31 percent of the growth of the gross domestic product of the United States since 2019;

Whereas, between 2017 and 2022, Latino employers in the United States increased by 44.4 percent;

Whereas, in 2022, Latino individuals owned 7.9 percent of all employer businesses in the United States;

Whereas, as of 2023, Latino workers represented approximately 19.1 percent of the total civilian labor force of the United States, and, as a result of Latinos experiencing the fastest population growth of all race and ethnicity groups in the United States, the rate of Latino participation in the labor force is expected to grow;

Whereas, as of 2026, 66.4 percent of all Latinos in the United States participate in the labor force;

Whereas, from 2010 to 2024, the workforce of Latinos in the United States increased by a total of 46.5 percent;

Whereas Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces and have fought bravely in every war in

the history of the United States since the American Revolution;

Whereas, as of 2024—

(1) more than 257,842 Hispanic members of the Armed Forces served on active duty; and

(2) there were approximately 1,336,206 Hispanic veterans of the Armed Forces, including approximately 163,264 Latinas;

Whereas, as of 2023, Hispanic or Latino veterans made up 8 percent of the total veteran population in the United States;

Whereas, in the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, known as the “Borinqueneers,” was the only active duty, segregated Latino military unit in the history of the United States and earned more than 2,700 Purple Hearts, 9 Distinguished Service Crosses, and a Congressional Gold Medal for their service;

Whereas more than 60 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force bestowed on an individual serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas, in 2020, Congress established the National Museum of the American Latino, which, when complete, will display the achievements, diversity, and legacy of the Hispanic community in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at the highest levels of the Government of the United States, including 1 seat on the Supreme Court, 6 seats in the Senate, and 50 seats in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Hispanic Americans harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the celebration of Hispanic Her-
3 itage Month from September 15, 2026, through Oc-
4 tober 15, 2026;

5 (2) esteems the integral role of Latinos and the
6 manifold heritages of Latinos in the economy, cul-
7 ture, and identity of the United States; and

8 (3) urges the people of the United States to ob-
9 serve Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate
10 programs and activities that celebrate the contribu-
11 tions of Latinos to the United States.