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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, 2024, through October 15, 2024, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month;

Whereas the Bureau of the Census estimates the Hispanic population living in the 50 States at more than 65,000,000 people, plus more than 3,200,000 people living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans approximately 19.5 percent or $\frac{1}{5}$ of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States;

Whereas, in 2023, 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, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington;

Whereas, from 2022 to 2024, the Latino population in the United States grew by 1.8 percent or 1,200,000 residents;

Whereas, from 2010 to 2022, Latinos grew the population of the United States by 13,080,000 individuals, accounting for more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total population growth of the United States during that period;

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

Whereas, in 2020, approximately 18,800,000 children, or 25 percent of all children, in the United States were Hispanic;

Whereas 28 percent of public school students in the United States are Latino, and 9 percent of kindergarten through 12th grade teachers are Latino;

Whereas, since 2010, the share of Hispanic adults with at least some college education has increased by 9 percent;

Whereas approximately 3,800,000 Hispanic students are enrolled in higher education, and enrollment of Hispanic students is expected to exceed 4,300,000 by 2026;

Whereas an estimated 36,200,000 Latinos are eligible to vote in the 2024 Presidential election, increasing the eligible Hispanic voters from the 2020 Presidential election by 12 percent and representing 14.7 percent of the electorate in the United States;

Whereas approximately 1 in every 5 Hispanic voters are expected to vote in their first presidential election in November 2024;

Whereas, as of 2024, each year approximately 1,400,000 Latino citizens of the United States become eligible to vote;

Whereas it is estimated that 77,247,271 Hispanics will be 18 years of age or older, thus eligible to vote, by 2060;

Whereas it is estimated that, as of 2023, the purchasing power of Hispanic Americans is \$3,400,000,000,000;

Whereas, measured by gross domestic product, the economy of Latinos in the United States ranks as the fifth largest in the world;

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

Whereas, in 2021, Latinas in the United States contributed approximately \$1,300,000,000,000 to the gross domestic product;

Whereas there are approximately 5,000,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and contributing more than \$800,000,000,000 in revenue to the economy of the United States;

Whereas, between 2007 and 2020, the number of Hispanic-owned businesses grew by 34 percent, representing the fastest growing segment of small 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 2024, 67.5 percent of all Latinos in the United States participate in the labor force;

Whereas, as of 2024, 6.3 percent of chief executives in the United States are Latino, 9.7 percent of lawyers are Latino, 2.5 percent of postsecondary teachers are Latino, and 11.4 percent of civil engineers are Latino, all who contribute to the United States through their professions;

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 serve on active duty; and

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

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 59 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in ac-

tion 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, 5 seats in the Senate, and 56 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, 2024, through Oc-
4 tober 15, 2024;

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.