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H. CON. RES. 438

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of locating a national immigration museum in El Paso, Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas more than 20 million people currently living in the United States trace their roots to Mexico and Mexican Americans represent one of the fastest growing population groups in this country;

Whereas people of Mexican descent have made significant contributions in all areas of American life;

Whereas these people and their ancestors have a rich history that must be preserved and told for the benefit of current and future generations of Americans;

Whereas the histories of individuals and families, from many backgrounds, who faced hardship and adversity to move

north in search of better lives for themselves and their descendants, should be documented and incorporated in the larger history of the United States;

Whereas the histories of these courageous people represent the strong relationship between the people of the United States and the people of Mexico;

Whereas no museum currently exists that is dedicated to the history of Mexican immigration to the United States or to the history of Mexican Americans;

Whereas historically El Paso, Texas was the main port of entry for people migrating from Mexico into the United States;

Whereas El Paso and its sister city, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico together form the largest international border city; and

Whereas the University of Texas at El Paso, the major Mexican-American majority university in the United States, is coordinating a national effort to create in El Paso a major national museum dedicated to preserving the history of people who over five centuries have moved northward into the present-day United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports the creation in El Paso, Texas of
4 the Paso al Norte Immigration History Museum
5 and;

1 (2) urges its designation as the national mu-
2 seum of immigration from Mexico to the United
3 States.

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