H. RES. 561

Recognizing the contributions of Hispanic-serving institutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 26, 2002

Mr. McKeon (for himself, Mr. Bonilla, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Hoekstra, Mr. George Miller of California, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Reyes, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Pastor, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Becerra, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Diaz-Balart, and Ms. Solis) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Hispanic-serving institutions.

- Whereas there are more than 200 Hispanic-serving institutions in the United States;
- Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;
- Whereas the number of Hispanic Americans enrolled in college is growing twice as quickly as enrollment at all colleges, according to a recent report from the Department of Education;

- Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions have allowed many students to attain their full potential through higher education;
- Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-serving institutions are deserving of national recognition; and

Whereas Hispanic Heritage Month is an appropriate time to express that recognition: Now, therefore, be it

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- 4 The House of Representatives—
- 5 (1) recognizes the significance of Hispanic-serv-6 ing institutions;
- 7 (2) recognizes that Hispanic-serving institutions 8 are indispensible in meeting the educational needs of 9 one of the Nation's youngest and fastest-growing 10 populations;
 - (3) commends the Nation's Hispanic-serving institutions for their commitment to academic excellence for all students, including low-income and educationally disadvantaged students;
 - (4) urges the presidents, faculty, and staff of the Nation's Hispanic-serving institutions to continue their efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate students who might otherwise not pursue a postsecondary education;

- (5) recognizes the importance of title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which aids in strengthening the academic quality, institutional management, and financial stability of Hispanic-serving institutions; and
 - (6) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to demonstrate support for Hispanic-serving institutions in the United States during that month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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