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# S. RES. 669

Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists  
in the United States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SALAZAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding  
Hispanic scientists in the United States.

Whereas the purpose of the National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award is to recognize outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States who promote a greater public understanding of science and motivate Hispanic youth to develop an interest in science;

Whereas the 8th annual National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Gala will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Florida, on Saturday, October 11, 2008;

Whereas proceeds from the National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Gala support scholarships for Hispanic boys and girls to participate in the Youth Enriched by Science

Program of the Museum of Science and Industry, known as the “YES! Team”;

Whereas a need to acknowledge the work and effort of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States has led to the selection of Dr. Lydia Villa-Komaroff as the honoree of the 8th annual National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award;

Whereas Dr. Villa-Komaroff is an internationally recognized molecular biologist who is deeply committed to the recruitment and retention of minorities in science;

Whereas Dr. Villa-Komaroff currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Cytonome, Inc., a company building the first optical cell sorter capable of supporting rapid, sterile sorting of human cells for therapeutic use; and

Whereas Dr. Villa-Komaroff was a key member of the research team that first demonstrated that bacterial cells produce insulin and her varied and active professional life includes research positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, and the University of Massachusetts Medical Center: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes efforts to educate, support, and  
3       provide hope for the Hispanic community, including  
4       efforts—

5               (A) to honor outstanding Hispanic sci-  
6       entists in the United States at the annual Na-  
7       tional Hispanic Scientist of the Year Gala; and

8               (B) to motivate Hispanic youth to study  
9       science through “Meet the Hispanic Scientist

1 Day'', an opportunity for Hispanic youth to  
2 meet the honoree of the National Hispanic Sci-  
3 entist of the Year Award; and

4 (2) congratulates the 2008 National Hispanic  
5 Scientist of the Year designated by the Museum of  
6 Science and Industry, for ongoing dedication to im-  
7 proving the quality of, and access to, science and en-  
8 gineering research and education.

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