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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 11, 2023, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTRO of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 11, 2023, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”.

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many low-income and underserved students and creating opportunities and increasing access to higher education for such students;

Whereas, in the 2021–2022 academic year, 572 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operated in the United States, the

District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, enrolling more than 5,000,000 students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are engines of economic mobility and a major contributor to the economic prosperity of the United States;

Whereas, Hispanic-Serving Institutions represent 19 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet serve 30.5 percent of all undergraduate students and 65.6 percent of all Hispanic undergraduate students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 28 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

Whereas the number of Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions, defined as institutions that do not yet meet the threshold of 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent enrollment but serve a Hispanic student population of between 15 and 24.9 percent, stands at 400 institutions operating in 43 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are actively involved in empowering and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are leading efforts to increase Hispanic participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (commonly known as “STEM”);

Whereas 7 of the top 10 institutions of higher education ranked by the Social Mobility Index were Hispanic-Serving Institutions;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the achievements and goals of  
3       Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United  
4       States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

5               (2) expresses support for the designation of  
6       “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; and

7               (3) calls on the people of the United States and  
8       interested groups to observe the week with appropriate  
9       ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate  
10      support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions in  
11      honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.