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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Designating the week beginning on September 9, 2024, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning on September 9, 2024, 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 2022–2023 academic year, 600 Hispanic-serving institutions operated in the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, enrolling more than 5,200,000 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 20 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet serve 31.7 percent of all undergraduate students and 66.2 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 412 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 9 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;

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 appro-
9 priate ceremonies, activities, and programs to dem-
10 onstrate support for Hispanic-serving institutions in
11 honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.