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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 8, 2025, 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

Expressing support for the designation of the week beginning on September 8, 2025, 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 2023-2024 academic year, 615 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operated in the United States enrolling more than 5,600,000 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 30 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 425 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 8 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 appropriate
9 ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate
10 support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions in
11 honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.