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Dr. Carla Hayden
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Dear Dr. Hayden and Members of the National Recording Preservation Board,

Thank you for receiving the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' (CHC) nomination of "*Gasolina*" and "*Flashdance... What A Feeling*" to the National Recording Registry. I remain committed to our mutual goal of ensuring that the National Recording Preservation Board's selections reflect our diverse American culture. To achieve the desired rich audio legacy for future generations, it is essential to continue to appropriately include and celebrate the contributions of Latino artists.

The National Recording Registry's very existence speaks to the important role that music plays in American culture and society. The scarceness of Latino artists in our country's recording legacy has wide-reaching implications on how Latinos are perceived in American society. Latino music and its influence can be found across languages, geographical boundaries, and genres. Latino artists, through their musical contributions, have marked all aspects of American life and are worth celebrating and preserving. To continue assisting the National Recording Registry select Latino music that highlight the richness of the nation's audio legacy, I nominate the songs and albums below. The songs and albums were selected with feedback from the public and each played a significant creative and cultural impact worthy of selection. I hope you will carefully consider each song and that the public will continue to see several of them selected.

The list of nominations includes:

1. "*Diamonds and Rust*" by Joan Baez (album) (1975)
2. "*Como la Flor*" by Selena (song) (1992)
3. "*How Will the Wolf Survive?*" by Los Lobos (album) (1984)
4. "*Juancito Trucupey*" by Celia Cruz (song) (1956)
5. "*Las Nubes*" by Little Joe y La Familia (song) (1972)
6. "*Rinconcito en el Cielo*" by Ramón Ayala (song) (1985)
7. "*El Rey*" by Vicente Fernández (song) (1991)
8. "*Oye Mi Amor*" by Maná (song) (1992)
9. "*Amor Eterno*" by Juan Gabriel (song) (1984)
10. "*Ahora Te Puedes Marchar*" by Luis Miguel (song) (1987)
11. "*Before the Next Teardrop Falls*" by Freddy Fender (song) (1974)

12. “*Whenever, Wherever*” by Shakira (song) (2001)
13. “*(Hey Baby) Que Paso*” by Texas Tornados (song) (1990)
14. “*Oye Cómo Va*” by Tito Puente (song) (1962)
15. “*Talk to Me*” by Sunny and the Sunliners (song) (2012)
16. “*She’s All I Ever Had*” by Ricky Martin (song) (1999)
17. “*Genie in a Bottle*” by Christina Aguilera (song) (1999)
18. “*Conga*” by Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (song) (1985)
19. “*Waiting for Tonight*” by Jennifer Lopez (song) (1999)
20. “*Oye Mi Canto*” by N.O.R.E. ft. Tego Calderón, Nina Sky, Gemstar & Big Mato (song) (2006)
21. “*Come and Get It*” by Selena Gomez (song) (2013)
22. “*Rica y Apretadita*” by El General ft. Anayka (song) (1995)
23. “*Yo Voy*” by Zion and Lennox ft. Daddy Yankee (song) (2004)
24. “*Eco de Sombras*” by Susana Baca (album) (1989)
25. “*Propuesta Indecente*” by Romeo Santos (song) (2013)
26. “*Juana La Cubana*” by Fito Olivares (song) (1996)
27. “*Mi Gente*” by Héctor Lavoe (song) (1975)
28. “*Feliz Navidad*” by José Feliciano (song) (1970)
29. “*Eres*” by Café Tacvba (song) (2003)
30. “*El Coco Rayado*” by Ruben Vela (song) (1994)
31. “*El Abayarde*” by Tego Calderón (album) (2002)
32. “*The Glamorous Life*” by Sheila E. (song) (1984)
33. “*Basta Ya*” by Jenni Rivera (song) (2011)
34. “*Lost in Emotion*” by Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam (song) (1987)
35. “*It Must Be Him*” by Vikki Carr (song) (1967)

I look forward to continuing to work together to expand diversity and Latino representation across the Library of Congress. If I can ever assist the Library of Congress, please do not hesitate to contact my staff. Your mission – of highlighting and preserving American stories – has never been more important.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joaquin Castro". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress