

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 576

Honoring the life of Dr. Roberto Cruz.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 9, 2002

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Mr. HONDA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. STARK, Ms. LEE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. BACA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REYES, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. FARR of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Dr. Roberto Cruz.

Whereas Dr. Roberto Cruz was the founder of the National Hispanic University and served as its first president;

Whereas Dr. Cruz received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the Wichita State University, a masters degree in education from the University of California-Berkeley, and Ph.D. in policy, planning, and administration from the University of California-Berkeley;

Whereas Dr. Cruz served as president of the National Association for Bilingual Education and the executive director of the Bilingual Education League, a nonprofit edu-

cational organization that assisted language minority students through teacher training, technical assistance, and research;

Whereas Dr. Cruz was appointed by the Secretary of Education to a national advisory council that dealt with the education of language minority students;

Whereas Dr. Cruz has received many honors from educational and Hispanic organizations, including introduction into the Hispanic Hall of Fame and the Hispanic Achievement Award in Education;

Whereas Dr. Cruz had the foresight and courage to address the lack of educational opportunities for young Hispanic students coming out of high school by opening the National Hispanic University in Oakland, California, in 1981;

Whereas Dr. Cruz moved the National Hispanic University to San Jose, California, in 1991;

Whereas Dr. Cruz developed strong partnerships between the National Hispanic University and local community colleges, San Jose State University, and many other important people and institutions in the Silicon Valley community;

Whereas Dr. Cruz developed a partnership with National Aeronautics and Space Administration which allows students to participate in hands-on training at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, and brings scientists from the research center to teach courses at the National Hispanic University;

Whereas the National Hispanic University is presently midway through a \$25,000,000 endowment fundraising ef-

fort that Dr. Cruz initiated, which is expected to help pay for a proposed 60,000 square-foot academic center;

Whereas, even facing his imminent death, Dr. Cruz took steps to help implement a succession plan that left the National Hispanic University prepared to succeed after his passing; and

Whereas on September 4, 2002, Dr. Cruz died after a long and distinguished career: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes Dr. Roberto Cruz’s legendary  
3       professionalism as a model educator;

4               (2) honors Dr. Cruz’s life; and

5               (3) extends its condolences to the Cruz family  
6       and to the faculty, staff, and students of the Na-  
7       tional Hispanic University on the occasion of his  
8       death.

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