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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-serving Institutions Week should be established, and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Mr. HINOJOSA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-serving Institutions Week should be established, and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions play an important role in educating many underprivileged students and helping such students attain their full potential through higher education;

Whereas in 2010, 307 public and private non-profit institutions of higher education met the Federal enrollment criterion of at least 25 percent Hispanic students to qualify as Hispanic-serving institutions under section 502 of the

Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a), enrolling 1,348,436 Hispanic students.

Whereas Hispanic-serving institutions are actively involved in stabilizing and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-serving institutions contributes to the strength and culture of our Nation;

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-serving institutions are deserving of national recognition;

Whereas the designation of the week of September 19, 2011, as “National Hispanic-serving Institutions Week” is an appropriate expression of such recognition;

Whereas the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities fulfills its mission by—

(1) promoting the development of member colleges and universities;

(2) improving access to, and the quality of, postsecondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; and

(3) meeting the needs of business, industry, and government through the development and sharing of resources, information, and expertise; and

Whereas 2011 is the Silver anniversary of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and the organization has spent 25 years working to improve the capacity of Hispanic-serving institutions to help students succeed across our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the achievements and goals of
2 Hispanic-serving institutions across the Nation;

3 (2) congratulates the Hispanic Association of
4 Colleges and Universities on its 25th anniversary
5 and recognizes its achievements and goals during the
6 past 25 years;

7 (3) supports the designation and recognition of
8 “National Hispanic-serving Institutions Week”;

9 (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-
10 tion designating such a week; and

11 (5) calls on the people of the United States and
12 interested groups to observe such a week with appro-
13 priate ceremonies, activities, and programs to dem-
14 onstrate support for Hispanic-serving institutions.

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