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# H. RES. 404

Recognizing the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are Latino.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service and sacrifice of members of the  
Armed Forces and veterans who are Latino.

Whereas Latinos have served in every United States military conflict, including Clifford Z. Barajas of Whittier, California, who served in the Army during World War I, Emilio Ponce who served in the California State Guard during World War II, Benjamin Campos of Fullerton, California, who served in the Navy during the Korean War, Richard P. Alamillo of Orange, California, who served in the Navy in the Vietnam War, Lorena G. Marin of Orange County, California, who served in Marine Air Support Squadron 3 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Henry Gonzalez of California who served in the Marine Corps in Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas 162,395 Latinos are currently serving in the regular components of the Armed Forces;

Whereas 47,704 Latinos are currently serving in the United States Reserves;

Whereas 35,667 Latinos are currently serving in the National Guard;

Whereas 28,979 Latinos are currently deployed with the Armed Forces outside of the United States;

Whereas 403 Latinos have lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn and 3,155 Latinos have been wounded in action; and

Whereas 136 Latinos have lost their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and 1,503 Latinos have been wounded in action: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) honors Latinos who are members of the  
3       Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice on be-  
4       half of the United States;

5               (2) recognizes the past service of Latino mem-  
6       bers of the Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives  
7       in defense of freedom and democracy;

8               (3) recognizes the significant role of Latino  
9       members of the Armed Forces to the success of on-  
10      going military operations; and

11              (4) urges the Secretary of Defense to support  
12      and encourage Latino members of the Armed Forces

- 1 and to increase promotion opportunities for Latinos
- 2 in the Armed Forces.

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