

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1488

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 23, 2024, as “National Latino Gastronomic Cuisine Week”, and celebrating the vibrant and diverse culinary traditions of Latino gastronomy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. ESPAILLAT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 23, 2024, as “National Latino Gastronomic Cuisine Week”, and celebrating the vibrant and diverse culinary traditions of Latino gastronomy.

Whereas Latino cuisine is an integral part of the cultural heritage of the United States and reflects a wide range of culinary traditions originating in Latin America and the Caribbean;

Whereas Latino cuisine, characterized by its diverse ingredients, techniques, and flavors, has contributed to the development of new culinary trends and fusion cuisines in the United States;

Whereas Latino cuisine incorporates centuries of Indigenous, European, African, and other culinary influences;

Whereas Latino chefs, home cooks, and culinary entrepreneurs play a vital role in the innovation, preservation, and sharing of Latino culinary traditions;

Whereas the Latino gastronomic sector significantly contributes to the United States economy, including through restaurants, Latino-owned businesses, food markets, agricultural producers, and culinary tourism, providing employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for millions of Americans;

Whereas celebrating Latino cuisine promotes cultural understanding and appreciation among all Americans, highlighting the importance of food as a cultural expression and fostering greater inclusivity and respect for cultural diversity;

Whereas celebrating Latino gastronomic cuisine can support the allocation of funding and resources to Latino culinary initiatives, including educational programs and community projects; and

Whereas supporting educational initiatives can foster greater awareness and appreciation of Latino cuisine among students on college campuses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National
3 Latino Gastronomic Cuisine Week”;

4 (2) recognizes the culinary influences of Latino
5 cuisine that bring together a vibrant tapestry of tra-

1 ditions, technique, and flavors, creating a gastro-
2 nomic experience celebrated worldwide;

3 (3) supports the goal of bringing awareness to
4 Latino gastronomy and cultivating an appreciation
5 for innovative culinary practices in Latin cuisine;
6 and

7 (4) encourages Federal agencies, local govern-
8 ments, and community organizations to collaborate
9 in supporting initiatives that promote Latino gas-
10 tronomy, including funding for culinary education,
11 food festivals, and cultural exchange programs, to
12 enhance the visibility and appreciation of Latino cul-
13 inary heritage across the Nation.

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