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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Democratic State Committee Latino Task Force and  
2 newly formed Pennsylvania Democratic Latino Caucus and its  
3 members in observance of "Hispanic Heritage Month" in  
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, More than 838,000 Latinos reside in this  
6 Commonwealth, comprising nearly 7% of the overall population  
7 with higher concentrations in Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh,  
8 Monroe, Northampton and Philadelphia Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, Latinos have a rapidly growing role and make  
10 valuable contributions in the cultural, social, economic and  
11 political life of Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of the Latino population  
13 in this Commonwealth, the Democratic State Committee created the  
14 Latino Task Force, comprised mainly of Latino State committee  
15 and other members from throughout the Commonwealth, in order to  
16 launch the Pennsylvania Democratic Latino Caucus; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Democratic Latino Caucus was  
18 established in June 2015 with a mission to advance the issues,

1 priorities and aspirations of Pennsylvania Latinos by more  
2 effectively reaching the Latino community, more quickly  
3 recognizing issues that impact the Latino community and  
4 promoting the values of inclusiveness and equality; and

5 WHEREAS, The inaugural executive board is comprised of David  
6 Rodriguez as chair, Isamac Torres-Figueroa as vice-chair,  
7 Humberto Perez as secretary, April Riddick as treasurer and  
8 Cornell Wilson, Randolph Hernandez and Monica Kline as  
9 appointees; and

10 WHEREAS, The month of September 15 through October 15 is  
11 observed as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in this Commonwealth in  
12 order to celebrate the value of our diversity and the rich  
13 culture which makes our Commonwealth and our nation  
14 extraordinary; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 Democratic State Committee Latino Task Force and newly formed  
17 Pennsylvania Democratic Latino Caucus and its members for their  
18 extraordinary accomplishments and contributions to the  
19 Commonwealth in observance of "Hispanic Heritage Month" in  
20 Pennsylvania.