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H. CON. RES. 63

Supporting the formation of a bipartisan Presidential Commission to study the establishment of a National Museum of the American People.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 7, 2011

Mr. Moran (for himself, Mr. Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Holt, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Gerlach, Mr. Sablan, Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. Tiberi, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. McIntyre, and Mr. Pascrell) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the formation of a bipartisan Presidential Commission to study the establishment of a National Museum of the American People.

- Whereas the United States was created and built by peoples from every land, and these people made this Nation the world's economic, military, scientific, and cultural leader;
- Whereas Canada and Mexico, the nations bordering the United States, have major museums in or near their capital cities telling the story of the making of their peoples;
- Whereas the people of the United States do not have a comprehensive and accurate picture of all the peoples who created and continue to build the Nation;

- Whereas few foreigners know the story of the peoples who came to be citizens of the United States, nor the story of the people from their own nations who came to this land;
- Whereas a museum telling the story of the making of the people of the United States and celebrating all who migrated and settled in the present day United States, from the very first to the most recent, belongs near the National Mall in Washington, DC;
- Whereas the National Museum of the American People would serve as a resource to assist State, local, and ethnic museums throughout the Nation present exhibits that celebrate the heritage of the people of the United States;
- Whereas non-Federal sources will be sought to provide full funding for a Presidential Commission to study establishment of the Museum and that such sums will commence when the President signs an Executive Order creating a bipartisan Presidential Commission; and
- Whereas non-Federal sources are anticipated to provide full funding to design and build the Museum, its exhibitions and its components: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
 - 2 concurring), That Congress supports the establishment of
 - 3 a bipartisan Presidential Commission to study the estab-
 - 4 lishment of a National Museum of the American People
 - 5 to tell the immigration and migration stories of all people
 - 6 in the United States.