

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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Designating the week beginning on September 12, 2022, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning on September 12, 2022,
as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”.

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many low-income and underserved students and creating opportunities and increasing access to higher education for such students;

Whereas, in the 2020-2021 academic year, 559 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operated in the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, enrolling more than 3,500,000 Hispanic students, according to the His-

panic Association of Colleges and Universities and Excelencia in Education;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are engines of economic mobility and a major contributor to the economic prosperity of the United States;

Whereas, according to the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions represent 16 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet serve 30.4 percent of all undergraduate students and 66.1 percent of all Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 29 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

Whereas the number of Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions, defined as institutions that do not yet meet the threshold of 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent enrollment but serve a Hispanic student population of between 15 and 24.9 percent, stands at 393 institutions operating in 38 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are actively involved in empowering and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are leading efforts to increase Hispanic participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (commonly known as “STEM”);

Whereas the top 10 institutions of higher education ranked by Third Way based on the economic mobility of the graduates are Hispanic-Serving Institutions;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to the United States strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the achievements and goals of
3 Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United
4 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

5 (2) designates the week beginning on Sep-
6 tember 12, 2022, as “National Hispanic-Serving In-
7 stitutions Week”; and

8 (3) calls on the people of the United States and
9 interested groups to observe the week with appro-
10 priate ceremonies, activities, and programs to dem-
11 onstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions in
12 honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.