

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 674

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the achievements of Edgar Ricardo Arjona Morales, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2019

Mrs. TORRES of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the achievements of Edgar Ricardo Arjona Morales, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Whereas Guatemalan musician Edgar Ricardo Arjona Morales was born in Antigua, Guatemala, on January 19, 1964;

Whereas Arjona initially worked as a schoolteacher in rural Guatemala;

Whereas Arjona has recorded sixteen full-length records since the release of his debut album, *Dejame Decir Que Te Amo*;

Whereas Arjona has received extensive critical praise for his songwriting, which addresses challenges facing Guate-

mala such as racism, poverty, inequality, and violence, root causes of migration;

Whereas, in 1993, Guatemalan President Ramiro de Leon Carpio honored Arjona with the Rafael Ovalle Order;

Whereas, in 2005, Arjona founded Fundación Adentro to help bring musical education to impoverished children in Guatemala, which has constructed two schools for children in Guatemala;

Whereas, in 2017, Arjona received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Latin American Music Awards; and

Whereas following the Fuego volcano eruption in 2018, Arjona supported families who were relocated, providing them with new permanent housing: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, con-
3 gratulates Edgar Ricardo Arjona Morales on his mu-
4 sical achievements;

5 (2) commends Arjona for his commitment to
6 address inequality and improve opportunities for
7 Guatemalans; and

8 (3) celebrates the achievements of all Guate-
9 malan and Guatemalan-American musicians and art-
10 ists who share with the world the richness and
11 strength of Guatemalan culture and heritage.

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