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H. RES. 734

Expressing support for the designation of October 1 as “National Latino and Latina Physician Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. BERA, Ms. SCHRIER, and Ms. SALAZAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of October 1 as
“National Latino and Latina Physician Day”.

Whereas the Latino and Latina population in the United States will rise from 42 million individuals in 2005 to 128 million individuals by 2050;

Whereas Latinos and Latinas comprise 60 percent of the population growth in the United States;

Whereas, by 2050, Latinos and Latinas will account for more than 1 in 4 individuals in the United States and 1 in 3 children in the United States;

Whereas only 6 percent of physicians in the United States are Latino or Latina;

Whereas only 2 percent of physicians in the United States are Latina;

Whereas the Latino and Latina population faces significant barriers to medical care, including high poverty, fewer facilities in Latino and Latina communities, and language and cultural barriers;

Whereas a lack of diversity in the medical field leads to worse health outcomes for Latino and Latina patients, including higher rates of chronic disease and maternal mortality;

Whereas research shows that when physicians are of the same ethnicity, culture, and language as the patients of such physicians, care and outcomes improve;

Whereas the health of the Nation depends on increasing diversity in medicine and increasing the number of Latino and Latina physicians;

Whereas the first National Latino and Latina Physician Day occurred across the United States on October 1, 2022, and was supported by multiple national organizations and the Latino and Latina community, including premedical students, resident physicians, and attending physicians; and

Whereas the designation of October 1 as National Latino and Latina Physician Day will bring awareness to the benefits Latino and Latina physicians bring to the growing Latino and Latina population and the health of the United States as a whole: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals of increasing the number

3 of Latino and Latina physicians in the United

1 States and increasing diversity in the medical field;
2 and
3 (2) supports the designation of National Latino
4 and Latina Physician Day.

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