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S. RES. 377

Recognizing Hispanic Restaurant Week and the contributions of Hispanic restaurant owners and employees to the restaurant industry.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Hispanic Restaurant Week and the contributions of Hispanic restaurant owners and employees to the restaurant industry.

Whereas Hispanic Restaurant Week is celebrated from September 22, 2023, through October 3, 2023, during the national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023;

Whereas, in 2020, the Bureau of the Census estimated that 41,817 owners of accommodation and food service businesses were Hispanic;

Whereas the restaurant industry plays a significant role in the economy of the United States as the second-largest private sector employer in the United States;

Whereas 25.1 percent of workers in the restaurant industry are Hispanic;

Whereas, according to the 2021 State of Latino Entrepreneurship report, published by the Stanford Graduate School of Business, during the last decade, Hispanic entrepreneurs have started small businesses, including restaurants, at a higher rate than any other demographic;

Whereas, of the nearly 5,000,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, the restaurant industry has the second highest number of Hispanic owners;

Whereas 8 in 10 restaurant owners started their restaurant industry careers in entry-level positions;

Whereas 63 percent of adults in the United States have worked in the restaurant industry, making it “the Nation’s training ground”; and

Whereas the restaurant industry employs more minority managers than any other industry: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) celebrates Hispanic Restaurant Week; and

3 (2) acknowledges—

4 (A) the contributions of Hispanic owners
5 and staff of the restaurant industry to the
6 United States economy; and

7 (B) the fact that the restaurant industry
8 provides restaurant owners, chefs, dishwashers,
9 and other staff the opportunity to work hard,

- 1 persevere, support their families, and live the
- 2 American Dream.

