

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 389

Expressing support for the annual designation of October 1st as “National Latino/a Physician Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the annual designation of October 1st as “National Latino/a Physician Day”.

Whereas the Hispanic or Latino/a population in the United States is estimated to rise from 57,470,000 in 2016 to 111,216,000 by 2060;

Whereas it is estimated that 66 percent of the population growth of the United States from 2016 to 2060 will be comprised of Latino/as;

Whereas, by 2060, Latino/as are estimated to account for more than 1 in 4 persons 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/a;

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

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

Whereas Latino/a physicians are integral to the health of the people of the United States;

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

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

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the goal to increase the number of  
3       Latino/a physicians in the United States and in-  
4       crease diversity in medicine; and

5               (2) supports the annual designation of October  
6       1st as “National Latino/a Physician Day”.

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