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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Recognizing the importance of Spanish-language media in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BARRAGÁN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of Spanish-language media in
the United States.

Whereas more than 41,000,000 people in the United States
speak Spanish at home, making it the most widely spoken
language in the Nation after English;

Whereas Spanish-language news outlets provide essential in-
formation on elections, public health, emergency pre-
paredness, and civic participation to communities that
might otherwise face language barriers;

Whereas access to trustworthy, culturally relevant news in
Spanish strengthens American democracy, combats the
spread of misinformation, and ensures that all commu-
nities can fully engage in civic life;

Whereas local Spanish-language news outlets play a crucial role in connecting communities, delivering neighborhood-level coverage, and fostering civic engagement;

Whereas Spanish-language entertainment media celebrates Latino culture, strengthens community identity, and enriches the broader cultural fabric of the United States;

Whereas Spanish-language media supports education by providing bilingual content, resources for English learners, and coverage of programs that promote literacy and life-long learning;

Whereas Spanish-language media highlights Latino contributions to the arts, culture, and society, showcasing achievements in film, music, literature, and other creative fields;

Whereas Spanish-language media fosters cross-cultural understanding, dialogue, and appreciation of Latino culture throughout the United States;

Whereas Spanish-language media outlets create jobs and support economic activity in the news and entertainment media sectors;

Whereas Spanish-language media now serves tens of millions of viewers, listeners, and readers across the United States, reflecting the diversity and growth of Latino communities in both urban and rural areas; and

Whereas the continued vitality of Spanish-language media is essential to ensuring that the Nation's bilingual and Latino American communities remain informed, connected, and represented: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the indispensable role of Span-
2 ish-language news and entertainment media in in-
3 forming, educating, and culturally enriching commu-
4 nities across the United States;

5 (2) affirms that access to news and cultural
6 content in Spanish is a matter of opportunity, inclu-
7 sion, and democratic participation;

8 (3) commends Spanish-language journalists,
9 broadcasters, and entertainers for their contribu-
10 tions to American democracy, culture, and society;
11 and

12 (4) encourages continued support for policies
13 and initiatives that promote language access and en-
14 sure the sustainability and growth of Spanish-lan-
15 guage media outlets nationwide.