

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 146

Designating April 30, 2017, as El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating April 30, 2017, as El Día de Los Niños—
Celebrating Young Americans.

Whereas, each year in the United States, El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans is recognized on April 30 as a day to affirm and recognize the importance of young children in the United States;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States, and the well-being of children and adolescents is emphasized as a top priority in the United States;

Whereas children and adolescents should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity,

democracy, and the spirit of the United States through the free and open exchange of ideas;

Whereas, according to data of the Bureau of the Census, Hispanics are the youngest major racial or ethnic group in the United States, as nearly $\frac{1}{3}$, or 17,900,000, of the Hispanic population of the United States is younger than 18 years old, and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$, or 14,600,000, of the Hispanic population of the United States are millennials (18 to 33 years old in 2014);

Whereas the United States Hispanic population continues to grow, representing the youngest and largest ethnic minority group in the United States, and is a significant part of the workforce of the United States, comprising future consumers, taxpayers, and voters;

Whereas, as the United States becomes more culturally and ethnically diverse, the people of the United States must strive to bring about cultural understanding and celebrate a tradition that honors all children on April 30, 2017, El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans, a day that acknowledges and shares traditions and customs with all people in the United States;

Whereas parents represent the center of teaching family values, morality, life preparation, health, survival, and culture;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor the children and adolescents in the United States will help affirm the significance of family, education, health, and community among the people of the United States;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition for the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to reflect on their futures, to articulate their aspi-

rations, to find comfort and security in the support of their family members, communities, and schools, and to grow to contribute to the United States;

Whereas the National Latino Children’s Institute, which serves as an advocate and a voice for children, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2017, and has partnered with States and cities throughout the United States for the last 19 years, will declare April 30, 2017, as El Día de Los Niños—Celebrating Young Americans, a day to bring communities and Latinos together across the United States to celebrate and uplift children; and

Whereas the people of the United States should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children and to help children take their rightful place in the future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 30, 2017, as El Día de Los
3 Niños—Celebrating Young Americans; and

4 (2) calls on the people of the United States to
5 join with children, families, communities, churches,
6 cities, and States across the United States to ob-
7 serve the day with appropriate ceremonies, including
8 activities that—

9 (A) center on children and are free or
10 minimal in cost so as to facilitate full participa-
11 tion of all people;

1 (B) uplift and help children positively envi-
2 sion a path to their futures by voicing their
3 hopes and dreams;

4 (C) offer opportunities for children of di-
5 verse backgrounds to learn about the cultures
6 of one another and to share ideas;

7 (D) include family members, especially ex-
8 tended and elderly family members, so as to
9 promote understanding and communication be-
10 tween generations within families and to enable
11 young people to respect and benefit from the
12 experiences of, and learn from, their family el-
13 ders;

14 (E) enable diverse communities to build re-
15 lationships; and

16 (F) provide children with the long-term
17 support the children need to learn, develop, and
18 become confident young adults who are ready
19 and eager to contribute to the United States, a
20 country the children believe in.

○