

**FLOOR REMARKS FOR CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA  
APRIL 30, 2014**

**IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING APRIL 30, 2014 AS "DÍA DE LOS  
NINOS:"CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS"**

**MR. SPEAKER, I RISE TODAY TO URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO  
JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING "DÍA DE LOS  
NINOS" OR "DAY OF THE CHILDREN." ON APRIL 30TH, MANY  
COUNTRIES AROUND THE GLOBE, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
WESTERN HEMISPHERE, DEDICATE THIS SPECIAL DAY TO THE  
CHILDREN.**

**WHEREAS THE NATIONAL LATINO CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE, SERVING AS A VOICE FOR CHILDREN, HAS WORKED WITH CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO DECLARE APRIL 30, 2014, TO BE "DÍA DE LOS NINOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS," A DAY TO BRING TOGETHER LATINOS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES TO CELEBRATE AND UPLIFT CHILDREN, I URGE ALL AMERICANS TO NURTURE AND INVEST IN ALL CHILDREN AND SUPPORT THEM IN LEADING HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS LIVES.**

**IN HONOR OF "DÍA DE LOS NINOS," I ENCOURAGE ALL AMERICANS TO INSTILL CREATIVITY, INGENUITY AND A LOVE OF LEARNING IN ALL CHILDREN AND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL INVESTMENTS THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL, FROM CRADLE TO CAREER.**

**IN HONOR OF "DIA DE LOS NINOS," I URGE PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP TO PASS COMMON-SENSE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND TAKE BOLD STEPS TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER.**

**FOR LATINOS, PASSING HUMANE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND REUNITING CHILDREN AND PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY OUR NATION'S BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED RELIEF TO MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANT CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IS CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF LATINO FAMILIES AND TO OUR NATION'S FUTURE.**

**IN HONOR OF "DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS," I CALL ON OUR NATION'S PARENTS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN. AS THE PRIMARY TEACHERS OF FAMILY VALUES AND CULTURE, I URGE PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO COLLEGE AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NATION AND TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

**ABOVE ALL, I ASK OUR PARENTS TO PRESERVE AND PASS ON THEIR RICH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

**WE IN SOUTH TEXAS RECOGNIZE THE RICH CULTURAL TRADITIONS THAT EXIST ALONG THE U.S. MEXICO BORDER REGION, AND WE ARE PROUD THAT MANY OF OUR CHILDREN SPEAK AT LEAST TWO LANGUAGES, AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AT EVERY LEVEL.**

**IN THE UNITED STATES, MANY LATINO FAMILIES CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF HONORING THEIR CHILDREN ON "DÍA DE LOS NINOS." TODAY, I WISH TO SHARE THIS CUSTOM WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND WITH ALL AMERICANS.**

**GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF "DÍA DE LOS NINOS" IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, I URGE CONGRESS TO HONOR THE GIFTS OF LATINO AND IMMIGRANT CHILDREN TO SOCIETY BY DESIGNATING APRIL 30TH AS "DÍA DE LOS NINOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS."**

**THANK YOU!**