

114TH CONGRESS
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Designating the week beginning September 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning September 14, 2015, as
National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many underprivileged students and helping those students attain their full potential through higher education;

Whereas more than 400 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operate in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions represent just 12 percent of all nonprofit institutions of higher education, yet

serve nearly 60 percent of all Hispanic undergraduate students, enrolling more than 1,700,000 Hispanic undergraduate students in 2013;

Whereas the number of “emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions”, defined as institutions that do not yet meet the threshold of 25 percent Hispanic enrollment but serve a Hispanic student population of between 15 and 24 percent, grew to nearly 300 colleges and universities in 2013;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 21 States and Puerto Rico, and emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 29 States and Washington, DC;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are actively involved in stabilizing and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to the United States strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the achievements and goals of
3 Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United
4 States;

5 (2) designates the week beginning September
6 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions
7 Week; and

1 (3) calls on the people of the United States and
2 interested groups to observe the week with appro-
3 priate ceremonies, activities, and programs to dem-
4 onstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.