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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month  
2 dates back to September 17, 1968, when the United States Congress  
3 authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation  
4 commemorating the enormous contributions made by Hispanic  
5 Americans to the development of our nation throughout its rich  
6 history; and

7           WHEREAS, Two decades later, on August 17, 1988, the 100th  
8 Congress passed a law designating the 31-day period beginning  
9 September 15 and ending October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage  
10 Month; and

11           WHEREAS, While the impact of Hispanic culture has long been  
12 manifest in American customs and traditions, Latinos continue to  
13 play increasingly critical roles in the U.S. economy, military, and  
14 government; their wide-ranging efforts are reflected in the theme  
15 that distinguishes this year's annual observance--Hispanic  
16 Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric; and

17           WHEREAS, During National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2005, the  
18 United States Army Medical Command officially acknowledges and  
19 celebrates the great diversity of the Hispanic community, its  
20 outstanding contributions to the building of this nation, and its  
21 steadfast commitment to the high ideals that still unite us as a  
22 people; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize September

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1 15-October 15, 2005, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and extend  
2 sincere best wishes to all those within the United States Army  
3 Medical Command who are supporting the celebration of this  
4 significant occasion.