

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, the National Council of La Raza
2 (NCLR) is the largest constituency-based Hispanic organization in
3 the country and the leading voice in Washington, D.C., and across
4 the nation for the Hispanic community; and

5 WHEREAS, Reaching more than four million Hispanics, NCLR
6 works through a formal network of affiliates, which consists of
7 over 300 Hispanic community-based organizations that serve 41
8 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as a
9 broader network of more than 35,000 groups and individuals
10 nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, In Texas, some of the oldest and most successful
12 Latino nonprofit organizations are affiliates of NCLR; education is
13 a key focus of these groups, and a number of charter schools that
14 are associated with NCLR are visiting the Capitol today; these
15 include the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans'
16 George I. Sanchez School, which has operated in Houston for more
17 than 30 years, and the Mexican American Unity Council's La Escuela
18 de las Americas School in San Antonio, an open-enrollment,
19 dual-language charter school serving prekindergarten to fifth
20 grade; and

21 WHEREAS, Other notable organizations include American
22 YouthWorks in Austin, a Points of Light Foundation Presidential
23 Service Award winner, the Gulf Coast Council of La Raza, which runs
24 a successful charter school in Corpus Christi, as well as the Texas

1 Migrant Council, Community Council of Southwest Texas, Draw
2 Academy, Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, First Mexican Baptist
3 Church, Information Referral Resource Assistance, Inc., Southwest
4 Key Program, Tejano Center for Community Concerns, Student
5 Alternatives Program, and Latino Learning Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Also present at the Capitol today is NCLR president
7 Janet Murguia, who previously worked at the White House as deputy
8 assistant to President Bill Clinton and deputy director of
9 legislative affairs, serving as a senior White House liaison to
10 congress; selected by *Hispanic* magazine for its annual list of "100
11 Top Latinas" for the second consecutive year, she was also named by
12 *Hispanic Business* magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential
13 Hispanics" and one of "80 Elite Hispanic Women"; and

14 WHEREAS, Through its Texas affiliates, NCLR continues to
15 improve life opportunities and provide an important voice for
16 Hispanic residents of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to
17 welcome the organization's president and representatives from NCLR
18 affiliates to the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize all those individuals associated with
21 the National Council of La Raza here with us today and extend to
22 them sincere best wishes for a memorable and rewarding visit to
23 Austin.

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H.R. No. 477

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 477 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House