

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 166

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to continue progress on National Museum of the American Latino.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** respectfully urging the United States
2 Congress to continue progress on the National Museum of the
3 American Latino.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The legacy of Latinos is deeply rooted in the very fabric of
6 the history, democracy, freedom, and economic opportunities of the
7 United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Latinos have played an integral role in America's
9 achievements and developments, with distinguished contributions in
10 areas such as science, medicine, literature, art, education, the
11 military, business, politics, athletics, film, and music; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Approximately 60 million American Latinos represent the
13 largest ethnic minority in the United States and are projected to
14 represent 25 percent of the nation's total population by 2060; and

15 **WHEREAS**, While there are national museums dedicated to African-
16 Americans and Native Americans, there is no national museum
17 dedicated to American Latinos; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Congress is urged to reinstate the 2008 commission to
19 continue progress on the creation of a museum dedicated to
20 American Latinos and advocate for its creation as part of the
21 Smithsonian Institution with its location on the National Mall in
22 Washington D.C.; and

23 **WHEREAS**, A National Museum of the American Latino will help foster
24 greater recognition and appreciation for the contributions and
25 experiences of Latinos in the United States as an essential part of our
26 nation's history and culture; and

27 **WHEREAS**, A National Museum of the American Latino will provide a
28 space to celebrate the rich culture of Latinos; now, therefore,

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30 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
31 *of New Jersey:*

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33 1. This House respectfully urges the United States Congress to
34 continue progress towards the creation of the National Museum of
35 the American Latino.

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37 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
38 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
39 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice-President of the
40 United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
41 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House
42 of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from this
43 State.

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45 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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This joint resolution urges the United States Congress to continue progress on the National Museum of the American Latino.

While there are national museums dedicated to African-Americans and Native Americans, there is no national museum dedicated to American Latinos. This resolution urges Congress to reinstate the 2008 commission to explore the creation of a museum dedicated to American Latinos and advocate for its creation as part of the Smithsonian Institution with the museum's location to be on the National Mall in Washington D.C. A National Museum will provide a space to celebrate the rich culture of Latinos and their contributions to the United States.