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No. 166

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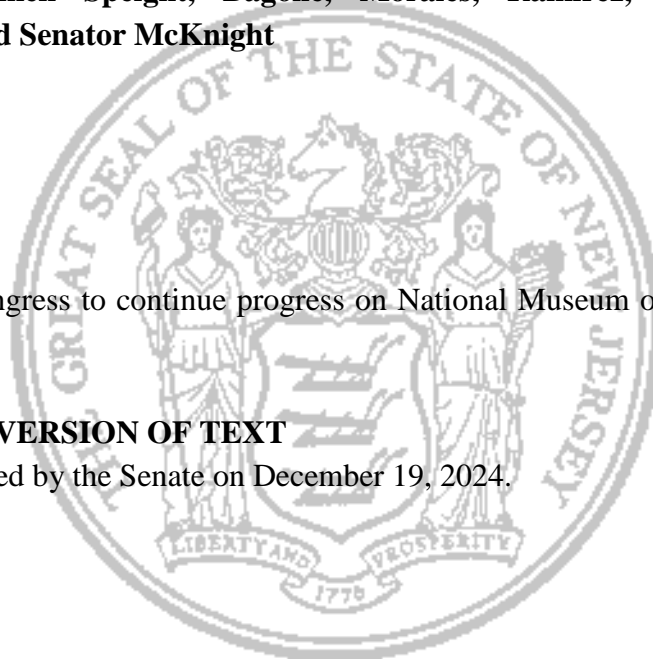
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 19, 2024.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2025)

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
10 contributions in areas such as science, medicine, literature, art,
11 education, the military, business, politics, athletics, film, and
12 music; and

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

17 **WHEREAS**, While there are national museums dedicated to African-
18 Americans and Native Americans, there is ¹**[no]** not a¹ national
19 museum ¹wholly¹ dedicated to American Latinos; and

20 **WHEREAS**, ¹In 2020,¹ Congress ¹**[is urged to reinstate the 2008**
21 **commission to continue progress on the creation of a museum**
22 **dedicated to American Latinos and advocate for its creation as**
23 **part of the Smithsonian Institution with its location on the**
24 **National Mall in Washington D.C.]** , with overwhelming
25 bipartisan support, passed the National Museum of the American
26 Latino Act establishing within the Smithsonian Institution a
27 museum to be known as the “National Museum of the American
28 Latino,” with the stated Congressional intent being for the
29 museum to be located on, or near, the National Mall to the
30 maximum extent practicable¹; and

31 **WHEREAS**, A National Museum of the American Latino will help
32 foster greater recognition and appreciation for the contributions
33 and experiences of Latinos in the United States as an essential
34 part of our nation’s history and culture; and

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

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39 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
40 *State of New Jersey:*

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42 1. ¹**[This House]** The State of New Jersey¹ respectfully urges
43 the United States Congress to continue progress towards the
44 creation of the National Museum of the American Latino.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted December 19, 2024.

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1 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
3 Secretary of the Senate to the President and Vice-President of the
4 United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
5 States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
6 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected
7 from this State.

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9 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.