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HR-55 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 55

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

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August 22, 2017

Relative to National Hispanic Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 55, as amended, Caballero.

WHEREAS, Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed and designated the week that included September 15 and 16 in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week, as a result of a joint resolution approved by Congress on September 17, 1968, in recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture and history; and

WHEREAS, The original weeklong commemoration was changed by Public Law 100-402, which was signed by President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988, and took effect on January 1, 1989, to National Hispanic Heritage Month to include the 31-day period beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, September 15 is the anniversary of independence for the five Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and September 16, 18, and 21 are the anniversaries of independence for Mexico, Chile, and Belize, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day, or Dia de la Raza, which is October 12, also falls within National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service, and have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, ~~fifty-five~~ *Fifty-five* million people, or 17 percent of the American population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, when the Hispanic population registered at 35.3 million, or 13 percent of the total American population; and

WHEREAS, There are over 14 million Hispanic Americans in California; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the development and success of California by playing major roles in building this state through agriculture, medicine, science, entertainment, business, education, civil rights, politics, and sports; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly ~~honors~~ *recognizes September 15 to October 15 as* National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages Californians to share in this annual event by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our society; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.