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H. RES. 1012

Recognizing and honoring Cristina M. Rodríguez for her historic appointment as dean of Yale Law School.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Ms. DELAURO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Cristina M. Rodríguez for her historic appointment as dean of Yale Law School.

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez, the Leighton Homer Surbeck Professor of Law at Yale Law School, was selected to serve as the dean of Yale Law School by a search committee of distinguished law school faculty members in December 2025;

Whereas she will assume the deanship on February 1, 2026, as the Sol and Lillian Goldman Dean and Professor of Law at Yale Law School, marking a historic transition in the leadership of one of the Nation's most prestigious legal institutions;

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez was born in San Antonio, Texas, earned her bachelor of arts from Yale College, received her master of letters from the University of Oxford

as a Rhodes Scholar, and earned her juris doctor from Yale Law School;

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez was the first tenured Hispanic law professor at Yale Law School, trailblazing a path for future generations of Hispanic legal scholars;

Whereas Christina M. Rodríguez will be the first Latina and second woman to hold the position of dean at Yale Law School since its founding;

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez is a distinguished scholar who has authored more than 70 academic articles and essays on constitutional law, administrative governance, and immigration law, establishing herself as a preeminent thought leader in the legal community;

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez is a principled leader and venerated educator who serves as a devoted mentor to her students;

Whereas Cristina M. Rodríguez's distinguished career in public service includes serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the United States Department of Justice;

Whereas, in 2021, Dean Rodríguez was appointed to cochair the bipartisan Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States, providing vital leadership on matters of national judicial importance; and

Whereas the presence of experienced, highly credentialed legal professionals in leadership roles at academic institutions is essential to the integrity of legal education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) honors Cristina M. Rodríguez for her land-
2 mark appointment as dean of Yale Law School;

3 (2) recognizes the significance of Cristina M.
4 Rodríguez becoming the first Latina to lead Yale
5 Law School and the inspiration her leadership pro-
6 vides to the legal profession;

7 (3) acknowledges the importance of having
8 leaders in academia who possess a deep mastery of
9 the law and a commitment to public service; and

10 (4) encourages all law professors, following the
11 example of Dean Rodríguez, to—

12 (A) invest in the success and mentorship of
13 every student; and

14 (B) honestly and diligently teach the rule
15 of law and the United States Constitution.

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