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H. RES. 946

Honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Rita Moreno.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ (for himself, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SOTO, Ms. POU, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Rita Moreno.

Whereas Rita Moreno was born Rosa Dolores Alverío on December 11, 1931, in Humacao, Puerto Rico;

Whereas Rita Moreno migrated to the United States with her mother at the age of 5 and grew up in New York City, where she began studying dance and performing at a young age;

Whereas Rita Moreno began her career in Hollywood during the 1950s, where she faced deep-rooted racial and gender stereotypes in the film industry;

Whereas, despite limited and typecast roles for Latina actresses, Rita Moreno persevered and became the first Latina woman to win an Academy Award, receiving the

Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in 1962 for her role as Anita in “West Side Story”;

Whereas Rita Moreno is one of the few performers and first Hispanic person in history to achieve the legendary EGOT status in 1977, having won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award, in addition to being recognized with the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award in 2013 and a Peabody Award in 2019;

Whereas Rita Moreno has been recognized with the Nation’s highest honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, the National Medal of Arts in 2009, and the Kennedy Center Honors in 2015, for her extraordinary contributions to American culture and the performing arts;

Whereas, beyond her acclaimed career on stage and screen, Rita Moreno has been a tireless advocate for women’s rights, civil rights, and equity in the arts, serving as a role model for generations of performers; and

Whereas her life story, from her humble beginnings in rural Puerto Rico to her rise as a celebrated national icon, embodies the American dream, artistic excellence, and the contributions of Latinas to the cultural fabric of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the accomplishments and endur-
- 3 ing legacy of Rita Moreno, a pioneering Latina art-
- 4 ist, proud Puerto Rican, and cultural icon of the
- 5 United States;

1 (2) commends Rita Moreno for her lifelong con-
2 tributions to the arts, civil rights, and Latino rep-
3 resentation in American media; and

4 (3) calls upon the people of the United States
5 to celebrate and honor the life and work of Rita
6 Moreno, whose remarkable journey continues to in-
7 spire and enrich the Nation.

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