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Commending the Latino and immigrant workers who participated in the completion of the Pentagon renovation project, referred to as the Phoenix Project.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYES (for himself, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA, Mr. BACA, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SOLIS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Commending the Latino and immigrant workers who participated in the completion of the Pentagon renovation project, referred to as the Phoenix Project.

Whereas the Phoenix Project was unveiled on September 11, 2002, the first year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, that threatened the Nation's safety and security;

Whereas the Phoenix Project was for renovation of the portion of the Pentagon that was damaged in the attacks;

Whereas the inspiration and motivation of each and every worker was critical to the success and completion of the renovation of this American symbol;

Whereas the Phoenix Project was completed in record time and under budget thanks to the hard work of 3,000 dedicated workers, who, rotating in shifts, worked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

Whereas immigrants made up more than half of these workers, a majority of them of Latino descent;

Whereas these workers were so important that Walker Lee Evey, Program Manager of the Phoenix Project, acknowledged their service with a tribute in Spanish, recognizing their efforts, their spirit, and their dedication at the commemoration of the completion of the Phoenix Project;

Whereas at a time when many Americans were pointing fingers at immigrants, the contributions of Hispanics to the Phoenix Project were embraced and celebrated as exemplifying the best of the American spirit, having worked as part of a team to get the job done; and

Whereas the Latino and immigrant workers are to be commended for their commitment, their dedicated work, and perseverance: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) commends the Latino and immigrant work-
- 3 ers who participated in the Pentagon renovation
- 4 project, referred to as the Phoenix Project; and

1 (2) recognizes that their hard work and out-
2 standing commitment were instrumental to the
3 project's completion.

