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To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community, to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Commission to Study
3 the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the Amer-
4 ican Latino Community Act of 2006”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Commis-
7 sion to Study the Potential Creation of a National Mu-
8 seum of the American Latino Community (referred to in
9 this Act as the “Commission”).

10 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of
11 23 members appointed not later than 6 months after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act as follows:

13 (1) The President shall appoint 7 voting mem-
14 bers.

15 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
16 tives, the minority leader of the House of Represent-
17 atives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the mi-
18 nority leader of the Senate shall each appoint 3 vot-
19 ing members.

20 (3) In addition to the members appointed under
21 paragraph (2), the Speaker of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives, the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,
24 and the minority leader of the Senate shall each ap-
25 point 1 nonvoting member.

1 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the Commission
2 shall be chosen from among individuals, or representatives
3 of institutions or entities, who possess either—

4 (1) a demonstrated commitment to the re-
5 search, study, or promotion of American Latino life,
6 art, history, political or economic status, or culture,
7 together with—

8 (A) expertise in museum administration;

9 (B) expertise in fundraising for nonprofit
10 or cultural institutions;

11 (C) experience in the study and teaching of
12 Latino culture and history at the postsecondary
13 level;

14 (D) experience in studying the issue of the
15 Smithsonian Institution’s representation of
16 American Latino art, life, history, and culture;
17 or

18 (E) extensive experience in public or elect-
19 ed service; or

20 (2) experience in the administration of, or the
21 planning for the establishment of, museums devoted
22 to the study and promotion of the role of ethnic, ra-
23 cial, or cultural groups in American history.

1 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.**

2 (a) PLAN OF ACTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND
 3 MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM.—The Commission shall sub-
 4 mit a report to the President and Congress containing its
 5 recommendations with respect to a plan of action for the
 6 establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of
 7 the American Latino Community in Washington, DC (re-
 8 ferred to in this Act as the “Museum”).

9 (b) FUNDRAISING PLAN.—The Commission shall de-
 10 velop a fundraising plan for supporting the creation and
 11 maintenance of the Museum through contributions by the
 12 American people, and a separate plan on fundraising by
 13 the American Latino community.

14 (c) REPORT ON ISSUES.—The Commission shall ex-
 15 amine (in consultation with the Secretary of the Smithso-
 16 nian Institution), and submit a report to the President
 17 and Congress on, the following issues:

18 (1) The availability and cost of collections to be
 19 acquired and housed in the Museum.

20 (2) The impact of the Museum on regional
 21 Hispanic- and Latino-related museums.

22 (3) Possible locations for the Museum in Wash-
 23 ington, DC and its environs, to be considered in con-
 24 sultation with the National Capital Planning Com-
 25 mission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

1 (4) Whether the Museum should be located
2 within the Smithsonian Institution.

3 (5) The governance and organizational struc-
4 ture from which the Museum should operate.

5 (6) How to engage the American Latino com-
6 munity in the development and design of the Mu-
7 seum.

8 (d) LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF AC-
9 TION.—Based on the recommendations contained in the
10 report submitted under subsection (a) and the report sub-
11 mitted under subsection (c), the Commission shall submit
12 for consideration to the Committee on Transportation and
13 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Com-
14 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives, the Committee on Resources of the House
16 of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural
17 Resources of the Senate, and the Committees on Appro-
18 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
19 recommendations for a legislative plan of action to create
20 and construct the Museum.

21 (e) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—In carrying out its
22 functions under this section, the Commission shall convene
23 a national conference on the Museum, comprised of indi-
24 viduals committed to the advancement of American Latino

1 life, art, history, and culture, not later than 9 months
 2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

4 (a) FACILITIES AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY OF
 5 THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall pro-
 6 vide the administrative services, facilities, and funds nec-
 7 essary for the performance of the Commission’s functions.

8 (b) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the Commis-
 9 sion who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Gov-
 10 ernment may receive compensation for each day on which
 11 the member is engaged in the work of the Commission,
 12 at a daily rate to be determined by the Secretary of the
 13 Interior.

14 (c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Com-
 15 mission shall receive travel expenses, including per diem
 16 in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provi-
 17 sions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
 18 States Code.

19 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS; TERMINATION.**
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21 (a) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall submit final
 22 versions of the reports, plans, and recommendations re-
 23 quired under section 3 not later than 18 months after the
 24 date of enactment of this Act.

1 (b) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
2 not later than 30 days after submitting the final versions
3 of reports, plans, and recommendations pursuant to sub-
4 section (a).

5 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated for carrying
7 out the activities of the Commission \$2,100,000 for fiscal
8 year 2007 and \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2008.

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