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H. RES. 737

Commemorating October 12, 2007, Spain's National Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORTUÑO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States and Spain are longtime friends and allies, they share common values and the same views on democracy and freedom;

Whereas thanks to the 1978 Constitution and the steady leadership of King Juan Carlos, Spain has become a model of democracy and prosperity;

Whereas Spain is a trustworthy ally of the United States, as well as one of the most respected and reliable contributors to global security;

Whereas Spain is a member of NATO, of the European Union, an active player in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe ("OSCE"), and a significant voice at the United Nations and in other international and regional organizations;

Whereas due to the experience of many years fighting local and international terrorism, Spain and the United States have developed a strong alliance in the War on Terror;

Whereas Spain and the United States have demonstrated outstanding military cooperation through the joint use of military bases in Spain that have been instrumental for security across the Mediterranean, Europe and in the War on Terrorism;

Whereas today, Spain is participating in a number of stabilization, peace-keeping, and nation building operations with the United States including Kosovo and Afghanistan;

Whereas Spain and the United States are connected by strong historic and cultural links since the first city of Saint Augustine, Florida was founded by Spain;

Whereas about 1300 cities, 130 counties, 110 sea gulfs, bays and ports, 175 islands, 150 mountains, 200 rivers and about 250 saint names of Spanish origin can be found along the American geography;

Whereas 45,000,000 Americans are of Hispanic descent and share similar roots, language and culture as the Hispanic community;

Whereas Spain was a key ally during the Revolutionary War due to its diplomatic support, financial aid, and military prowess that helped instrument the final victory and independence of the United States;

Whereas Spain is currently ranked as one of the top economies in the world in terms of GDP;

Whereas the United States is the largest direct foreign investor in Spain;

Whereas leading Spanish companies in machinery, high-tech industries, alternative and renewable energy sources, banking, and construction are expanding their presence in the United States;

Whereas Spain is the second largest direct foreign investor in Latin America, for a total aggregate of €120,000,000 between 1993 and 2005 and many of the Spanish enterprises investing in the United States consider their investment in the United States as the center for operations in Latin America; and

Whereas Spain is one of the top destinations for American students and the United States is the top destination for Spanish teachers considering more than 1400 are sent annually to this country: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-
- 2 memorates Spain's National Day.

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