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S. RES. 253

Welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. Kaine) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Welcoming King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain on their official visit to the United States, including visits to Miami and St. Augustine, Florida.

Whereas King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain are visiting St. Augustine, Florida, to celebrate the 450th Commemoration of the city and to participate in the annual United States-Spain Council forum;

Whereas Spanish explorer Ponce de León landed on the east coast of Florida in 1513 and named the land he discovered La Florida;

Whereas St. Augustine was founded by Spanish admiral Pedro Menéndez de Avilés on September 8, 1565;

Whereas St. Augustine is the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the United States;

Whereas the United States-Spain Council serves an important purpose in bringing the United States and Spain closer through trade, investment, education, and culture, as well as by fostering military cooperation between the 2 countries;

Whereas the United States-Spain Council is holding its annual forum in St. Augustine from September 18–20, 2015;

Whereas the people and Governments of the United States and Spain have both benefitted from strong economic and cultural ties;

Whereas Spain has played a special role in the history and culture of St. Augustine and Florida; and

Whereas King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia met with President Barack Obama on September 15, 2015, for their first official visit to the White House: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) welcomes King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia
3 of Spain during their visit to the United States; and

4 (2) expresses its appreciation for the efforts of
5 King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia to strengthen the
6 bonds between the people and Governments of the
7 United States and Spain.