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# H. R. 2134

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BECERRA (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. BACA, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WELLER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYES, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. STARK, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. WEXLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

# A BILL

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.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Commission to Study  
5 the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the Amer-  
6 ican Latino Community Act of 2005”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

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

12       (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of  
13 23 members appointed not later than 6 months after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act as follows:

15               (1) The President shall appoint 7 voting mem-  
16 bers.

17               (2) The Speaker of the House of Representa-  
18 tives, the minority leader of the House of Represent-  
19 atives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the mi-

1       nority leader of the Senate shall each appoint 3 vot-  
2       ing members.

3               (3) In addition to the members appointed under  
4       paragraph (2), the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
5       resentatives, the minority leader of the House of  
6       Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,  
7       and the minority leader of the Senate shall each ap-  
8       point 1 nonvoting member.

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

12               (1) a demonstrated commitment to the re-  
13      search, study, or promotion of American Latino life,  
14      art, history, political or economic status, or culture,  
15      together with—

16                       (A) expertise in museum administration;

17                       (B) expertise in fundraising for nonprofit  
18      or cultural institutions;

19                       (C) experience in the study and teaching of  
20      Latino culture and history at the post-sec-  
21      ondary level;

22                       (D) experience in studying the issue of the  
23      Smithsonian Institution's representation of  
24      American Latino art, life, history, and culture;

25      or

1 (E) extensive experience in public or elect-  
2 ed service; or

3 (2) experience in the administration of, or the  
4 planning for the establishment of, museums devoted  
5 to the study and promotion of the role of ethnic, ra-  
6 cial, or cultural groups in American history.

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

8 (a) **PLAN OF ACTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND**  
9 **MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM.**—The Commission shall sub-  
10 mit a report to the President and the Congress containing  
11 its recommendations with respect to a plan of action for  
12 the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum  
13 of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC  
14 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Museum”).

15 (b) **FUNDRAISING PLAN.**—The Commission shall de-  
16 velop a fundraising plan for supporting the creation and  
17 maintenance of the Museum through contributions by the  
18 American people, and a separate plan on fundraising by  
19 the American Latino community.

20 (c) **REPORT ON ISSUES.**—The Commission shall ex-  
21 amine (in consultation with the Secretary of the Smithso-  
22 nian Institution), and submit a report to the President  
23 and the Congress on, the following issues:

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

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

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

7           (4) Whether the Museum should be located  
8 within the Smithsonian Institution.

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

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

14       (d) LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF AC-  
15 TION.—Based on the recommendations contained in the  
16 report submitted under subsection (a) and the report sub-  
17 mitted under subsection (c), the Commission shall submit  
18 for consideration to the Committee on Transportation and  
19 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Com-  
20 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives, the Committee on Resources of the House  
22 of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural  
23 Resources of the Senate, and the Committees on Appro-  
24 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate

1 recommendations for a a legislative plan of action to cre-  
2 ate and construct the Museum.

3 (e) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—In carrying out its  
4 functions under this section, the Commission shall convene  
5 a national conference on the Museum, comprised of indi-  
6 viduals committed to the advancement of American Latino  
7 life, art, history, and culture, not later than 9 months  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

10 (a) FACILITIES AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY OF IN-  
11 TERIOR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the  
12 administrative services, facilities, and funds necessary for  
13 the performance of the Commission’s functions.

14 (b) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the Commis-  
15 sion who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Gov-  
16 ernment may receive compensation for each day on which  
17 the member is engaged in the work of the Commission,  
18 at a daily rate to be determined by the Secretary of the  
19 Interior.

20 (c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive  
21 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence,  
22 in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter  
23 I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS; TERMI-**  
2 **NATION.**

3 (a) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall submit final  
4 versions of the reports and plans required under section  
5 4 not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act.

7 (b) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
8 not later than 30 days after submitting the final versions  
9 of reports and plans pursuant to subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated for carrying  
12 out the activities of the Commission \$2,100,000 for fiscal  
13 year 2006 and \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2007.

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