THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Jose Molina, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, for his extraordinary 2 accomplishments and contributions to the Commonwealth in observance of "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. 4 5 WHEREAS, Jose Molina was born and raised in Puerto Rico and 6 migrated to the City of Philadelphia in 1989; and 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Molina graduated from Kutztown University with a 8 bachelor of science degree in business administration and a master of business administration degree in human resources 10 management and services; and 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Molina began his exemplary public service career 12 with the Department of Human Services of the Commonwealth; and 13 WHEREAS, After 10 years with the Department of Human 14 Services, Mr. Molina worked at Kutztown University for 14 years, 15 most recently as the Director for Community Engagement and 16 Government Affairs; and

WHEREAS, In this position, Mr. Molina was involved with

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- 1 various Latino organizations, including Berks and Lehigh Latino
- 2 Chambers of Commerce and dozens of community organizations,
- 3 school districts and charter schools; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Molina has been active in the Latino community
- 5 for 20 years, most notably as the chair of the Northeast Region
- 6 for the Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition, president of
- 7 the Latino Leadership Alliance of the Lehigh Valley, president
- 8 and vice president of the Kutztown University Latino Caucus,
- 9 board member of the Hispanic American Organization and the
- 10 Allentown Puerto Rican Parade; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In recognition of his public and community service,
- 12 Mr. Molina has received numerous distinctions and honors,
- 13 including appointment as the Latino Outreach Coordinator for the
- 14 House of Representatives in 2007 and selection as the 2008
- 15 Latino of the Year by the Allentown branch of the Puerto Rican
- 16 Cultural Alliance and the 2014 Bert Daday Community Service
- 17 Award recipient by the Hispanic American Organization; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Molina was appointed to former Governor Tom
- 19 Corbett's transition committees for the Department of Human
- 20 Services and the Department of Community and Economic
- 21 Development; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Mr. Molina was involved with President Barack
- 23 Obama's efforts to establish an Advisory Commission on
- 24 Educational Excellence for Hispanics; and
- 25 WHEREAS, In March 2015, Governor Tom Wolf appointed Mr.
- 26 Molina as the Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory
- 27 Commission on Latino Affairs, the Commonwealth's advocacy agency
- 28 for Latinos as reestablished by the Governor on August 4, 2015;
- 29 and
- 30 WHEREAS, The month of September 15 through October 15 is

- 1 annually observed as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in this
- 2 Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Jose Molina
- 4 for his extraordinary accomplishments and contributions to the
- 5 Commonwealth in observance of "Hispanic Heritage Month" in
- 6 Pennsylvania.