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H. J. RES. 406

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1973

Mr. ROYBAL introduced the following joint resolution: which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the publication of economic and social statistics for Spanish-speaking Americans.

Whereas more than twelve million Americans identify themselves as Spanish speaking and trace their origins from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America, and other Spanish-speaking countries; and

Whereas the Spanish speaking in America have made significant contributions to enrich American culture and have served their Nation well in times of war and peace; and

Whereas a large number of Spanish-speaking Americans suffer from racial, social, economic, and political discrimination and are denied the basic opportunities they deserve as American citizens and which would enable them to begin to lift themselves out of the poverty that they now endure; and

Whereas State and Federal Governments and private organizations are now unable to determine accurately the urgent and special needs of the Spanish speaking in the United States because there is not a regular, nationwide evaluation of the economic and social status of Spanish-speaking Americans; and

Whereas the provision and commitment of State, Federal, and private resources can only occur when there is an accurate and precise assessment of need: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Department of Labor in cooperation with the
4 Bureau of the Census immediately begin to undertake the
5 collection and compilation of data in order to provide for the
6 monthly publication by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, begin-
7 ning not later than July 1973, of the nationwide unemploy-
8 ment rate among Spanish-speaking Americans; and that
9 the Bureau of the Census and the Department of Labor and
10 the Department of Agriculture undertake further efforts to
11 collect and publish regularly statistics which provide indi-
12 cators of the social and economic condition of Spanish-
13 speaking citizens in urban and rural America.

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