ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Hendrick and Cain of the Senate

and

Blackburn of the House

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Advisory Commission on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs; providing for appointment, meetings and duties; providing for travel reimbursement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has a diverse and ethnically heterogeneous population; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the State of Oklahoma has a responsibility to access all of the human assets available in establishing a new direction for the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Latin American, Hispanic community of the State of Oklahoma is a rapidly growing segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Latin American, Hispanic community constitute a valuable human resource asset within the community of citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are guaranteed access to all the benefits and privileges of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are allowed a fair and equal opportunity to respond to the obligations and responsibilities of Oklahoma citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created until July 1, 1996, the Advisory Commission on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor, five members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and five members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members so appointed shall represent the Latin American, Hispanic community of this state. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the Commission to serve as chair of the Commission.

SECTION 2. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the chair. A majority of the members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Members shall receive no compensation for work on the Commission but shall receive mileage reimbursement by their appointing authority in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 3. A. The Commission shall provide advice and assistance to the Governor and to the Legislature on policy issues related to economic development, state-community relations, health and human services, employment and education within the Latin American, Hispanic community, as well as any other policy area of interest to the Latin American, Hispanic population of Oklahoma.

B. All advice, counsel and recommendations offered by the Commission shall be presented in the form of formal written position or issue papers signed by a majority of the members of the Commission or as informal written communiques signed by the chair with the consent of the majority of the Commission.

SECTION 4. Copies of this Resolution shall be distributed to the Governor and the Cultural Diversity and Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of April, 1995.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives