1 ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1017 By: Menz and Alonso-Sandoval of the House 3 and 4 Brooks of the Senate 5 6 7 A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 14, 2025, as the 9th annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; recognizing the Hispanic community in Oklahoma; and 8 celebrating the heritage, culture, and contributions 9 of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma. 10 WHEREAS, Hispanics are those who identify their origin as the 11 12 heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of their birth or that of their parents or ancestors before their arrival into the 1.3 14 United States; and 15 WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking countries include Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El 16 17 Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaraqua, Panamá, Paraquay, 18 Perú, Spain, Uruquay, Venezuela, and the Commonwealth of Puerto 19 Rico; and 20 WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history 21 of Oklahoma since the 16th Century when the Spanish initially 22 claimed Oklahoma, specifically the Oklahoma Panhandle; and 23 WHEREAS, the first exploration of Oklahoma was led by the 24 Spaniard Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and his army in 1541 on their

- 1 journey to conquer the Seven Cities of Cíbola or Quivira, the area
 2 known today as Cimarron County: and
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- WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahoma's Hispanic population live in the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Guymon; and
- WHEREAS, Hispanics have migrated to the State of Oklahoma hoping for better lives than the ones they left behind; and
- WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a result of their perseverance through hard times as well as their innate yearning to establish a sense of place; and
- WHEREAS, the median age of non-Hispanics in the United States is
 fifty-four (54) years of age, the Hispanic median age is thirty (30)
 years of age; and
 - WHEREAS, the economic impact of the Hispanic population in the United States would rank as the fifth-largest economy in the world.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE

 CONCURRING THEREIN:
 - THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate declare May 14, 2025, as the 9th annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma.
- 21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State 22 Senate do hereby recognize the heritage, culture, and immense 23 contributions of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma.

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