HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6055

A RESOLUTION designating Hispanic Legislative Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Each year, the United States recognizes the economic, cultural and social contributions that the Latino community has brought to our nation, including contributions to law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater and exploration; and

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States at over 53,000,000 people, making the Latino community the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States. The Hispanic or Latino population in Kansas is more than 300,000; and

WHEREAS, The history and culture of the state of Kansas have been significantly influenced by the Hispanic community. Latino culture and traditions are respected, celebrated and honored as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent, including those who have lived in Kansas for generations and those who are new to the Sunflower State, who contribute to Kansas' economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Time and again throughout our nation's history, the Latino community has helped establish America as a place of freedom and opportunity, and their contributions have illustrated what is best about our great nation. Their hard work, love and deep commitment to faith and family have shaped the character of our country and helped preserve the values that we all cherish; and

WHEREAS, Accomplishments made by the Latino community serve as an inspiration to all who seek freedom, opportunity and a new beginning for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2014, Kansas' Hispanic community will celebrate Hispanic Legislative Day at the Capitol as a fantastic opportunity for people across the state of Kansas to note the rich cultures, traditions and contributions of Hispanic Americans: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we designate March 6, 2014, as Hispanic Legislative Day at the Capitol. We urge all Kansans to celebrate the contributions the Hispanic community has made and continue to make to the great state of Kansas.

House Resolution No. 6055 was sponsored by Representative Ramon Gonzalez.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the House, and was adopted by that body $\,$

 Speaker of the House.
 Chief Clerk of the House.