

“Colleagues on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I’m here today to advocate for the establishment of a Smithsonian Museum on the American Latino. The story of our nation cannot be told without the story of Latino Americans. Throughout the nation, the contributions of Latinos can be clearly seen and heard, and in my majority-Hispanic district, I have seen firsthand Latinos shaping our history and culture across local South and West Texas communities each and every day.

The story of the American Latino doesn’t just deserve to be told – It needs to be told. That’s why I proudly joined my friend Congressman Serrano to reintroduce our bill in the House to create a National Museum of the American Latino right here in our nation’s capital on the National Mall. This isn’t a Republican or Democrat issue. This is an American issue. This transcends each of us here today and will allow future generations of Americans from sea to shining sea to learn from our past, appreciate the progress made today and work together to create a stronger future.

A Latino Museum is long overdue. I hope you agree and work with us to move this bill this Congress on behalf of the 57 million plus hardworking Latinos across the nation and all who came before them.”