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History in the Making: Ozzie Guillen is the First Latino Manager to Lead Team to World Series Victory.

Make Sure this Milestone Does Not Become a Mere Footnote in History



Cosponsor H.R. 2134, the National Museum of the American Latino Community Commission Act

Dear Colleague:

2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen is the first manager of Latin American descent to take a team to the championship series and win.

This major milestone for the Latino community in the United States is evidence that Latinos, now the largest ethnic minority in the country, are continuing to make great contributions to American life, history, and culture. During the last game of the series, Major League Baseball also recognized the “Latino Dream Team” – 12 players chosen from 60 nominees – which includes baseball luminaries such as Roberto Clemente, Fernando Valenzuela, and Rod Carew.

Throughout the Americas and in our own Latino communities, our “Nation’s Pastime” can be more than just a game, it is often the embodiment of the American Dream. The great diversity of ethnicities and nationalities of the players in the major leagues is a testament to the power of America’s great tradition as a nation of immigrants where even the newest of Americans can become national heroes.

Yet, this portrait of America is not always well represented in our nation’s premier museums and cultural institutions in the nation’s capital. Nearly 40 million United States residents share a cultural heritage that is only beginning to be understood as wholly American, yet scarcely any of the permanent exhibits in Washington museums commemorate the American Latino community’s cultural contributions.

The bipartisan National Museum of the American Latino Community Commission Act, H.R. 2134, would take the next step toward ensuring that the lessons taught by our premier institutions for the arts, humanities, and American history include a better representation of Latino contributions. The bill creates a commission to study whether a new national Latino museum is warranted and to make recommendations on how to establish it.

If you would like join more than 85 of your colleagues and cosponsor this legislation, please contact Joel Najar (Rep. Becerra) at 6-3748 or Eddy Acevedo (Rep. Ros-Lehtinen) at 5-3931.

Sincerely,

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