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### CONGRESSWOMAN SANCHEZ COMMEMORATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove) issued the following statement in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Today we begin our month-long celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. During Hispanic Heritage Month we celebrate the Hispanic culture and recognize the contributions and achievements Hispanic Americans have made to our country.

"Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the anniversary of independence for seven Latin American countries- Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

"Over 45.5 million Hispanic Americans reside in the United States. Together they bring a strong work ethic, long tradition of service in our nation's Armed Forces, a rich culture and a strong desire to live the American Dream. Their entrepreneurial spirit and growing buying power has helped expand our economy and build vibrant communities.

"The Democratic-led Congress will continue to work on key issues that will help create more success stories in the Hispanic community and new opportunities for future generations of Hispanic Americans."

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