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Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Hector:

The attached material is forwarded in response to your recent request. If you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Thank you for contacting my office.

Sincerely.

Lloyd Bentsen

Enclosure

S. J. RES. 20

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22 (legislative day, JANUARY 21), 1985

Mr. Symms (for himself, Mr. Burdick, Mr. Denton, Mr. Abdnor, Mr. McClure, Mr. East, and Mr. Zorinsky) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
- 6 and purposes as part of the Constitution if ratified by the
- 7 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within
- 8 seven years after its submission to the States for ratification:

1 "ARTICLE —

- 2 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 3 language of the United States.
- 4 "Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to en-
- 5 force this article by appropriate legislation.".

H. J. RES. 96

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing English as the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1985

Mr. Shumway (for himself, Mr. Badham, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Kindness, Mr. McCandless, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Nielson of Utah, Mr. Packard, Mr. Porter, Mr. Rudd, Mr. Sundquist, and Mr. Whitehurst) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid as a part of the
- 6 Constitution if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
- 7 the several States:

1	•	"ARTICLE	

- 2 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 3 language of the United States.
- 4 "Section 2. Neither the United States nor any State
- 5 shall require, by law, ordinance, regulation, order, decree,
- 6 program, or policy, the use in the United States of any lan-
- 7 guage other than English.
- 8 "Section 3. This article shall not prohibit any law,
- 9 ordinance, regulation, order, decree, program, or policy re-
- 10 quiring educational instruction in a language other than Eng-
- 11 lish for the purpose of making students who use a language
- 12 other than English proficient in English.
- 13 "Section 4. The Congress and the States may enforce
- 14 this article by appropriate legislation.".

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100th CONGRESS H. J. RES. 60

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing English as the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1987

Mrs. Smith of Nebraska introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid as a part of the
- 6 Constitution if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
- 7 the several States:
- 8 "Article —
- 9 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 10 language of the United States.

- 1 "Section 2. Neither the United States nor any State
- 2 shall require, by law, ordinance, regulation, order, decree,
- 3 program, or policy, the use in the United States of any lan-
- 4 guage other than English.
- 5 "Section 3. This article shall not prohibit any law,
- 6 ordinance, regulation, order, decree, program, or policy re-
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- 8 lish for the purpose of making students who use a language
- 9 other than English proficient in English.
- "Section 4. The Congress and the States may enforce
- 11 this article by appropriate legislation.".

100TH CONGRESS H. J. RES. 33

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1987

Mr. MILLER of Ohio introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
- 6 and purposes as part of the Constitution if ratified by the
- 7 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within
- 8 seven years after its submission to the States for ratification:

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- 2 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 3 language of the United States.
- 4 "Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to en-
- 5 force this article by appropriate legislation.".

100TH CONGRESS H. J. RES. 13

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing English as the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1987

Mr. Broomfield introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid as a part of the
- 6 Constitution if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
- 7 the several States:
- 8 "Article —
- 9 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 10 language of the United States.

- 1 "Section 2. Neither the United States nor any State
- 2 shall require, by law, ordinance, regulation, order, decree,
- 3 program, or policy, the use in the United States of any lan-
- 4 guage other than English.
- 5 "Section 3. This article shall not prohibit any law,
- 6 ordinance, regulation, order, decree, program, or policy re-
- 7 quiring educational instruction in a language other than Eng-
- 8 lish for the purpose of making students who use a language
- 9 other than English proficient in English.
- 10 "Section 4. The Congress and the States may enforce
- 11 this article by appropriate legislation.".

100th Congress S. J. RES. 13

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 1987

Mr. Symms introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the English language.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
- 6 and purposes as part of the Constitution if ratified by the
- 7 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within
- 8 seven years after its submission to the States for ratification:

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1	"ARTICLE —

- 2 "Section 1. The English language shall be the official
- 3 language of the United States.
- 4 "Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to en-
- 5 force this article by appropriate legislation.".

100TH CONGRESS H. J. RES. 83

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing English as the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 1987

Mr. Shumway (for himself, Mr. Badham, Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Bereuter, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. McCandless, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Nielson of Utah, Mr. Packard, Mr. Saxton, Mr. Denny Smith, Mr. Sundquist, and Mr. Wylie) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
- 5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid as a part of the
- 6 Constitution if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
- 7 the several States:

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- 3 language of the United States.
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- 5 force this article by appropriate legislation.".

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28 (legislative day, APRIL 21), 1987 Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To designate the United States Post Office Building located at 809 Nueces Bay Boulevard in Corpus Christi, Texas, as the "Dr. Hector Perez Garcia Post Office Building".

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the United States Post Office Building located at 809
- 4 Nueces Bay Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas, shall be des-
- 5 ignated and hereafter known as the "Dr. Hector Perez
- 6 Garcia Post Office Building". Any reference in any law,
- 7 map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the

- 1 United States to that building shall be deemed to be a refer-
- 2 ence to the "Dr. Hector Perez Garcia Post Office Building".

Passed the House of Representatives April 27, 1987.

Attest:

DONNALD K. ANDERSON,

Clerk.

By Dallas L. Dendy, Jr.,

Assistant to the Clerk.

H. CON. RES. 129

Expressing the sense of Congress that the English language is the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 21, 1987

Mr. Shumway (for himself, Mr. Archer, Mr. Armey, Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Craig, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Fawell, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Konnyu, Mr. Donald E. Lukens, Mr. Porter, Mr. Denny Smith, and Mr. Wortley) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the English language is the official language of the United States.

- Whereas the United States has been and will continue to be enriched by the contributions of immigrants from diverse cultures;
- Whereas a common language, English, fosters harmony among our people, promotes political stability, permits the interchange of ideas, encourages societal accord, and unites us as a people committed to freedom and equality;
- Whereas the learning of the English language by our Nation's immigrants is vital to their participation in the economic, educational, social, and political opportunities of our country; and

Whereas a role of the Congress is supporting the bonds that unite our people, one of the most important of which is the use of the English language: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
- 2 concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—
- 3 (1) the English language is the official language of 4 the United States; and
- 5 (2) no language other than the English language 6 is recognized as the official language of the United

7 States.