

House Resolution 1045

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Casas of the 107th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed
2 Officials for 40 years of service to the nation's Latino community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, coinciding with the Latino electorate's expected decisive influence on the
4 outcome of Election 2016, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed
5 Officials (NALEO), a leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 individuals,
6 will celebrate more than 40 years of service to the Latino community and its political
7 leadership this year; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1976, NALEO founder and late Congressman Edward R. Roybal held the
9 first meeting to create a national network of Latino public servants and their supporters to
10 increase the participation of Latinos in the United States political process; and

11 WHEREAS, to mark NALEO's ruby anniversary, the organization will host three events in
12 Washington, D.C., that honor the past, present, and future of the nation's second largest
13 population group, including the 2016 NALEO Edward R. Roybal Legacy Gala, the NALEO
14 33rd Annual Conference, and the 11th Biennial Institute for Newly Elected Officials; and

15 WHEREAS, during the Gala, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
16 Henry R. Cisneros will be presented with the Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding
17 Public Service for his numerous contributions to the Latino community as a political
18 trailblazer, including being one of the first Latino mayors of a major United States city in his
19 hometown of San Antonio and being an original member of NALEO; and

20 WHEREAS, the NALEO Annual Conference is the preeminent forum for our nation's
21 leadership to engage Latino officials and the millions of constituents NALEO members
22 represent; and

23 WHEREAS, the Biennial Institute of Newly Elected Officials will bring together more than
24 60 newly elected officials for an intensive three-day training that will provide leaders with
25 the skills and information needed to be effective advocates for their constituents; and

26 WHEREAS, NALEO's service to the Latino community during the last 40 years shows
27 dedication, determination, and effectiveness; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the National Association of Latino Elected and
32 Appointed Officials for their 40 years of service to the nation.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 press and the public.