



League of United Latin American Citizens

Resolution in Support for U.S. House of Representative Bill H.R. 1966

Whereas, H.R. 1966, authorizes the President to establish the modern 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), as a means of providing gainful employment to unemployed and underemployed citizens of the United States, through the performance of useful public work, vocational training, and for other purposes; and

Whereas, unemployment among the youth in the United States can range as high as 50% among Hispanics and Blacks, while it is currently 5% among all Americans; and

Whereas, the CCC national program was successful in the 1930s and 1940s by working on National Park Service and Public Works Projects in employing hundreds of thousands of young men and women, providing training, discipline, healthy outdoor activity, provided outlets and travel for urban young people; and

Whereas, the National Park Service currently has billions of dollars in projects requiring immediate work and attention, but has no budget to get the work done. We have an opportunity to employ some 300,000 unemployed Armed Forces veterans (including Reserve members), unemployed U.S. citizens in the construction, maintenance, and reforestation works. It is a wise investment in our valuable Human and Natural Resource Capital. There is an excellent fit for the proven CCC program to contribute to employing healthy but idle youth, and accomplishing critical projects such as forest fire prevention, flood control, soil erosion, paths and trails construction, for our beloved National Park Service; and

Whereas, our Hispanic population is growing fast, over 20% of the population in many cities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that LULAC National endorses U.S. 114th Congression H.R. 1966: The 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Act, bi-partisan legislation, with a budget of \$16 Billion for each of the fiscal years 2017 through 2020, authorizing the President to establish and operate the modern CCC service:

- that Hispanic youth be included to participate fully in work, vocational training, education, language classes, physical training, and other group activities
- that bi-lingual instructors and leaders be hired and fully reflect the percentage of participating Hispanic youth

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