

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 61

Supporting the goals and ideals of a Juan Pablo Duarte Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. ESPAILLAT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a Juan Pablo Duarte  
Day.

Whereas the people of the Dominican Republic acquired au-  
tonomy and sovereignty on the 27th day of February  
1844;

Whereas the Island of Quisqueya, the indigenous name for  
what later became the island of Hispaniola, was the cra-  
dle of thinking and achievement in the western hemi-  
sphere, establishing the first university and cathedral of  
the New World;

Whereas on the 26th day of January 1813, Juan Pablo  
Duarte, the founding father of the Dominican Republic,  
was born;

Whereas, during the month of January 2017, Dominicans will celebrate the 204th Anniversary of Juan Pablo Duarte's birth;

Whereas Juan Pablo Duarte, along with Francisco Del Rosario Sanchez and Ramon Matias Melia, formed La Trinitaria, a secret organization that initiated the movement for the independence of the Dominican Republic; and

Whereas, during the month of February 2017, Dominican Nationals and Dominican Americans from throughout the Dominican Republic and the United States will celebrate the independence of the Dominican Republic: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of a Juan  
3       Pablo Duarte Day;

4               (2) supports the establishment of a national day  
5       of recognition for Juan Pablo Duarte to honor the  
6       founding father of the Dominican Republic; and

7               (3) urges the people of the United States to ob-  
8       serve a national day of recognition for Dominican-  
9       Americans with appropriate ceremonies, programs,  
10      and activities.

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