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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 115
Offered February 6, 20261 3 *Commending Gustavo Torres.*

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5 6 WHEREAS, Gustavo Torres, the longtime executive director of CASA, one of the largest immigrant and
7 7 Latino advocacy organizations in the Commonwealth and the Mid-Atlantic United States, retired in
8 8 November 2025; and9 9 WHEREAS, Gustavo Torres devoted 34 years, including 31 years as executive director, to advancing
10 10 CASA's mission through various advocacy campaigns and initiatives; and11 11 WHEREAS, under Gustavo Torres's leadership, CASA grew from a group of three people in a church
12 12 basement in 1991 into an organization that staffs hundreds of people across the Commonwealth, Maryland,
13 13 Pennsylvania, and Georgia, with nearly 200,000 members from 46 states and Puerto Rico; and14 15 WHEREAS, through appearances on C-SPAN and a national rally he helped organize in Washington,
15 16 D.C., in 2013, Gustavo Torres became a recognized and respected voice for immigrant rights and services on
16 17 the national stage; and17 18 WHEREAS, Gustavo Torres's success was a product of his visionary leadership and his willingness to
18 19 foster coalitions with other advocacy groups to achieve CASA's mission and objectives; and19 20 WHEREAS, Gustavo Torres's legacy of service with CASA and the remarkable impact he had on the
20 21 organization was recognized at CASA's 40th anniversary celebration on September 18, 2025; and21 22 WHEREAS, Gustavo Torres demonstrated extraordinary compassion and integrity over a career dedicated
22 23 to the health and well-being of all people and made a profound and lasting impact on countless lives; now,
23 24 therefore, be it24 25 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
25 26 commend Gustavo Torres, executive director of CASA, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it26 27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
27 28 presentation to Gustavo Torres as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to
the Commonwealth and best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling retirement.

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