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Resolution
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SENATE RESOLUTION 673
Adopted 5/5/11

Sponsors: Senator Pate.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 20, 2011

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS TO
2 CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO.

3 Whereas, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is considered and remembered as a
4 significant date in the history of Mexico because it recognizes the courage of the Mexican
5 people who defeated a better trained and better equipped French Army at the "Batalla de
6 Puebla" on May 5, 1862; and

7 Whereas, Cinco de Mayo serves as an important reason for many North Carolinians
8 of Mexican ancestry to celebrate a holiday in appreciation of its cultural significance (victory in
9 the face of great odds); and

10 Whereas, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on the courage and
11 achievements not only of the Mexican forces at Puebla, but also on the courage and
12 achievements of North Carolinians of Mexican ancestry; and

13 Whereas, Mexicans, Hispanics, and Latinos have contributed to our State through a
14 broad spectrum of cultural expressions, including music, food, dance, faith, and family unity;
15 and

16 Whereas, according to the 2010 Census, 50.5 million Hispanics accounted for
17 16.3% of the total population in the United States; and

18 Whereas, the 2010 Census also revealed that North Carolina's Hispanic population
19 increased by 110%; and

20 Whereas, North Carolina is one of five states in the United States with the largest
21 growth in the percentage of Hispanic populations; and

22 Whereas, many Hispanics and Latinos in North Carolina, particularly small business
23 entrepreneurs, represent one of the fastest growing groups of business owners in our economy;
24 and

25 Whereas, North Carolina benefits from a vibrant Hispanic and Latino community
26 that plays an integral role in the enrichment of our society and growth of our economy; and

27 Whereas, it is our desire to recognize all of North Carolina's ethnic groups along
28 with their contributions and dedication to the economies of North Carolina and the United
29 States; Now, therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the Senate:

31 **SECTION 1.** The Senate extends best wishes to the State's residents of Mexican,
32 Hispanic, and Latino ancestry and urges all North Carolinians to join in celebrating Cinco de
33 Mayo.

34 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

