

to build new communities and opportunities for themselves in the United States.

It was through sheer determination and hard work that many Korean Americans have been able to thrive in America, invigorating businesses, churches and academic communities throughout the United States. According to the United States Census, Korean Americans own and operate 135,571 businesses across the nation that have gross sales of \$46,000,000,000 annually and employ 333,649 individuals.

Korean Americans have also left an indelible mark in our communities and government. Korean American community activists such as Angela Oh and Bong Hwan Kim worked tirelessly to bridge the racial tensions during the Los Angeles riots of 1992.

The Korean-American population of the U.S. has greatly added to the rich fabric of our Nation. I want to take this opportunity to commend Korean Americans for their historical and cultural contributions to this Nation, and again urge a YES vote on this resolution.

SPANISH AMERICAN COMMITTEE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Spanish American Committee, as they celebrate thirty-five years of service to Hispanic Americans in the Cleveland area.

Established in 1966, the Spanish American Committee, a United Way agency, is the oldest and largest non-profit social service organization in Ohio, existing to provide assistance for citizenry of Hispanic/Latino heritage in Northeast Ohio. This invaluable agency, comprised of caring, dedicated and hardworking individuals, provides essential services that improve the lives of families and individuals.

Since the dawn of our nation, citizens of Hispanic/Latino heritage have greatly contributed to, and enhanced, every facet of our so-

ciety. And through their meaningful action, the members of this worthy organization have elevated the quality of life for thousands of Hispanic/Latino individuals and families. Some of the significant services provided by the Spanish American Committee include: Counseling and crisis intervention, employment services, daycare services, job referrals, housing services, tenant and landlord counseling, English language classes, translation services, and voter education and registration.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and admiration of the Spanish American Committee, as we join them in celebration of their 35th Anniversary. Please join me as I extend my deepest admiration and congratulations to the Spanish American Society, as its members continue to empower and assist Hispanic Americans to secure a brighter future for themselves—casting a light of hope and accomplishment over our entire community.