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**HNBA SUPPORTS STRIVE ACT: IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION
THAT STRIKES THE RIGHT BALANCE**

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The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) welcomes the introduction of the STRIVE Act, a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill introduced by House Representatives Luis Gutierrez (D-Illinois) and Jeff Flake (R-Arizona). The STRIVE Act formally commences this year’s immigration debate in Congress; a debate that is much needed and that the HNBA hopes will result in legislation that is long overdue. The HNBA is optimistic that a Senate bill will soon follow.

The STRIVE Act contains provisions that the HNBA believes must be included in any immigration reform legislation: a new, flexible worker program to channel current migration flows into legal avenues, a tough but realistic path for undocumented workers to earn legal status, elimination of the unconscionable backlogs in family immigration, strong border security and worksite enforcement measures, and the restoration of basic legal protections for all non-citizens in this country. The introduction of the STRIVE Act marks the beginning of efforts to secure true immigration reform now.

“Our country and in particular the US Hispanic community deserve a fair, balanced, and realistic immigration bill that addresses the needs of our existing immigrants and of those that seek to come legally to our country in the future,” said Jimmie V. Reyna, HNBA National President. “We believe that Congress recognizes the imminent and imperative need to pass legislation that strikes a balance between fair and just immigration laws while providing security and protection for our country. We commend those members in Congress who are working towards this end.”

The HNBA is a non-profit, non-partisan, national legal association representing the interests of 38,000 U.S. Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and legal professionals. Its mission is to improve the study, practice, and administration of law and justice for all Americans by ensuring full and meaningful participation by U.S. Hispanic legal professionals in the legal profession, and to address legal issues that affect the Hispanic community.
