

Hispanics in Congress



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This book chronicles the history of Hispanics in the United States Congress. Beginning with an historical overview of Congress, the author provides biographical sketches of the Hispanic members of Congress, the circumstances that made them Congressmen and their roles, activities and accomplishments in that body. The sketches are integrated into the historical context of the Congress in which they served. Special attention is given to the three Hispanics who served in the United States Senate. The book provides a comprehensive narrative on the creation, composition, role and impact of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC). Compliance with provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1970, amendments and the federal court decisions that contributed to redistricting that was favorable for Hispanics is also discussed. While the history and role of Hispanics is but a footnote in the history of the U.S. Congress, it has been a major chapter in the history of the Hispanic people in the United States.

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