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Remembering Octaviano Larrazolo, the First Hispanic U.S. Senator

Albuquerque, NM—Today marks the 80th anniversary of the death of Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo, the second Hispanic elected to govern the state of New Mexico and the first Hispanic U.S. Senator. In remembrance, Chairman Harvey Yates Jr. issued the following statement:

“On this day, we remember the personal achievements and contributions of New Mexico statesman Octaviano Larrazolo, a Democrat-turned Republican, who earned his place in history when he was elected the first Hispanic to the United States Senate.

“Although likely for different reasons, Larrazolo’s disenchantment with the Democrat Party is not unlike the sentiment felt by many Hispanics in New Mexico today. Many conservatives have come to realize that the leftward swing of the Democrat Party leaves little room for them. As the Republican Party did during Larrazolo’s time, we extend a warm welcome to these and all New Mexicans and invite them to examine which political party currently aligns most closely with their values.”

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