



# The support of Spain for the Independence of the U.S.



As a summary of the exhibition “Recovered Memories. Spain and the Support for the American Revolution,” this permanent showcase features documents, reproductions of uniforms, drawings, illustrations, maps and miniatures.

Spain’s intervention in the American War of Independence has often been ignored and, until recently, the Hispanic world’s contribution to the origin of the new nation had been largely overlooked. In 1976, marking two centuries of independence, Spain presented the [equestrian statue of Bernardo de Gálvez](#), a Spanish soldier and politician, to the city of Washington, D.C.

In 2014, Gálvez was appointed a Posthumous Honorary Citizen of the United States after a private, diplomatic, and institutional effort. Since then, his portrait has presided over one of the main halls of the Capitol.

Learn about the contribution of Spain to the Independence of the U.S. by visiting the Iberdrola exhibit at the Cultural Office of the Embassy of Spain. This showcase presents more than a hundred objects and summarizes the major exhibition [Recovered Memories. Spain and the Support for the American Revolution](#), organized in Washington, D.C. and New Orleans in 2018 by the Iberdrola group, committed to the cultural development and the restoration of historical legacy.

The statue of Bernardo de Gálvez displayed in the exhibition stands also in front of the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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## Venue

Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain, 2801 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

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## Admission

Free

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