

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41

SERIES 1988-89

TO CONGRATULATE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR URGING THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO BE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE, AND TO EXHORT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO COLLABORATE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT GOAL.

WHEREAS: Puerto Rico has been a possession of the United States of America for more than 90 years;

WHEREAS: Never has the Congress of the United States consulted the people of Puerto Rico concerning their preference with respect to a permanent juridical status for Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS: Authority over Puerto Rico is vested in the Congress by virtue of Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS: In addressing a joint session of Congress on February 9, 1989, the President of the United States made the following declaration: "I've long believed the people of Puerto Rico should have the right to determine their own political future. Personally, I favor statehood. But I ask the Congress to take the necessary steps to let the people decide in a referendum";

WHEREAS: Fourteen of the 17 members of this legislative body wholeheartedly share the President's belief that Puerto Rico should become the nation's 51st state;

WHEREAS: All three of Puerto Rico's registered political parties concur that Puerto Rico's political status dilemma urgently requires an equitable solution, in consultation with the Federal Government;

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, CAPITAL OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1: To extend, as is hereby extended, a message of congratulation to the President of the United States of America for the vision, and commitment to equality of citizenship, embodied in the statement on Puerto Rico which was contained in his address to Congress on February 9, 1989.

Section 2: To exhort the Congress of the United States of America to collaborate expeditiously with the President and with the people of Puerto Rico in peacefully and democratically resolving Puerto Rico's political status dilemma.

Section 3: To transmit copies of this Resolution to the President, to the leaders of the Congress, to the Governor and legislative leaders of Puerto Rico, and to news media serving Puerto Rico and the nation.

Section 4: Any Ordinance, Resolution or Agreement which may, in whole or in part, conflict with this Resolution, is hereby repealed to the extent and degree that such conflict may exist.

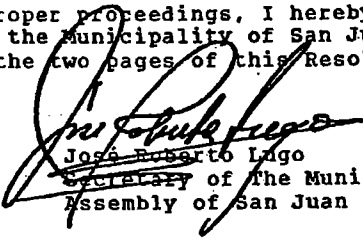
Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I, JOSE ROBERTO LUGO, SECRETARY OF THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution No. 41, Series 1988-89, approved by the Municipal Assembly of San Juan, Puerto Rico, at its Regular Meeting held on the 13th day of February 1989, with the affirmative votes of Mrs. Isidra Albino Serrano, Aida Avalo Collazo, Myriam Herdman Barroso, Sonia Pabón de Sotomayor and Dámaris Sifuentes, and Messrs. Nicolás Crespo Kortright, Enrique Ferreira, Miguel Antonio González Ríos, George McDougall, Ramón Miranda Marzán, Luis Rivera Brenes, Héctor L. Schmidt Figueroa, Rafael Ubarri Acosta and the President, Mr. Samuel Méndez Cuesta; with the abstained vote of Mrs. Thilda Alvarado and the negative vote of Mr. John Fucile; having been absent Mr. Angel Rafael Ortega Cordero.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that according to the minutes under my custody, all Assemblymen were duly notified of the regular meeting in the manner provided by Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and for the proper proceedings, I hereby issue this Certificate, and the Seal of the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico is hereto affixed in the two pages of this Resolution the 16th day of February, 1989.


José Roberto Lugo
Secretary of the Municipal
Assembly of San Juan