

Hispanic National Bar Association



The National Voice of the Hispanic Legal Community

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Hispanic National Bar Association recognizes the contributions that the Puerto Rican community has made to enrich the cultural diversity of our Nation and the cultural, economic, geographic and political links that Puerto Rico promotes among the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Puerto Ricans have valiantly served our Nation with distinction in every U.S. military conflict of this century and the past century; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that it is of great importance to protect and nurture the Nation's Hispanic linguistic and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic National Bar Association does not express a preference or favor any particular formula for Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic National Bar Association stands by its prior Resolution, dated May 1, 1998, in support of self-determination for the People of Puerto Rico;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hispanic National Bar Association recommends that the United States Congress adopt, and the President sign, legislation that affords the four million U.S. citizens residing in Puerto Rico a process that defines the non-territorial options that are available to the People of Puerto Rico and that authorizes a federal referendum on the Island that enables them to make an informed decision on a permanent legal status for Puerto Rico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hispanic National Bar Association supports and hereby co-sponsors the recommendation of the San Francisco Bar Association to the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates to adopt their recommendation as an ABA resolution.

Approved this 31st day of January 2004.


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