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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
PROVIDING FOR A CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED
SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR PUERTO RICO

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico in 1998 will have been a colony of the United States for one-hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the Jones Act of 1917 granted United States Citizenship to the residents of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Puerto Rico have rallied to the defense of the United States in every military conflict since 1917 with a great many making the ultimate sacrifice for Democracy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the economic and cultural contributions that the Puerto Rican community has made to the United States along with the important geographic and political links that Puerto Rico promotes among the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby express our total support for H.R. 856 the United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act and S. 472 the Puerto-Rico Self-Determination Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Leadership of the House of Representatives and the Senate to dedicate their efforts to have these measures approved.

Approved on the 07th day of OCTOBER 1997

Henry M. Calderon - Chairperson

