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ELECTED NOVEMBER 8, 1932

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## Concurrent Resolution

**T**O declare that the final status of Puerto Rico should be statehood and that The People of Puerto Rico desires that Puerto Rico become a state, forming a part of, and associated with, the federation of the United States of America; to petition the Congress of the United States of America for legislation authorizing The People of Puerto Rico to adopt its own state constitution for its approval by the Congress of the United States of America, after it has been ratified by a plebiscite to which it shall be submitted; to demand from the Congress of the United States of America an immediate liberalizing reform, of a political and economic nature, of the autonomic regimen of government at present enjoyed by Puerto Rico, through amendments to the Organic Act in force, and for other purposes.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO DECLARE THAT THE FINAL STATUS OF PUERTO RICO SHOULD BE STATEHOOD AND THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO DESIRES THAT PUERTO RICO BECOME A STATE, FORMING A PART OF, AND ASSOCIATED WITH, THE FEDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TO PETITION THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO ADOPT ITS OWN STATE CONSTITUTION FOR ITS APPROVAL BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AFTER IT HAS BEEN RAFFIED BY A PLEBISCITE TO WHICH IT SHALL BE SUBMITTED; TO DEMAND FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AN IMMEDIATE LIBERALIZING REFORM, OF A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC NATURE, OF THE AUTONOMIC REGIMEN OF GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT ENJOYED BY PUERTO RICO, THROUGH AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANIC ACT IN FORCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### PART I

WHEREAS, for more than thirty-five years The People of Puerto Rico, in a state of deep preoccupation, has suffered the disappointments inherent in a régime under which it has been working among difficulties caused by differences in systems, laws, customs, and language, assimilating, however, with clear vision of the future, the fundamental ideals which serve as a basis for the institutions of our government;

WHEREAS, During that interregnum in which The People of Puerto Rico has lived trusting in the justice of the people of the United States of America, the latter, believing the former capable of living a life of equality, dignity, and honor in their relations with each other, granted to the Puerto Ricans, through Congress, American citizenship with all the prerogatives inherent therein;

WHEREAS, The consensus of opinion of The People of Puerto Rico shows that it is advisable to know what is to be the final status of Puerto Rico in its relations with the United States of America, with the understanding that the preservation of its characteristics and other traditions are not in conflict with the principles and ideals of the Amer-

ican Nation, and that the vernacular may subsist in conjunction with the use of the English language, all within the new structure of government within which The People of Puerto Rico will live in dignity in association with the People of the United States of America, under the same flag;

WHEREAS, The People of Puerto Rico has always aspired, and continues to aspire, to the fulfillment of the words which, in the lexicon of liberty of the United States of America, involved the consecration of the principle that "peoples have the right to determine their own destinies";

Now, THEREFORE, *Be it resolved by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 1.—That The People of Puerto Rico desires that Puerto Rico become a State and be admitted to the Union under the same conditions as the States which integrate the same.

Section 2.—To request from the Congress of the United States of America, as it is hereby requested, legislation authorizing The People of Puerto Rico to frame its own State constitution, in order to submit it for the approval of the Congress of the United States of America after it is ratified by the electoral body of Puerto Rico to which it shall be submitted through a plebiscite for such purpose, the result of which shall be certified by the Executive Secretary of Puerto Rico; and the Governor of Puerto Rico shall give notice thereof to the President of the United States for the proper purposes.

## PART II

WHEREAS, Until the proceedings heretofore referred to in this Resolution have been carried out, The People of Puerto Rico needs urgently to improve the conditions of its internal life by protecting its agriculture and promoting the development of its industry, by reorganizing its government institutions, by regulating the application to Puerto Rico of certain Acts of Congress, and by securing exemption from the effect of certain fiscal Acts already enacted in the United States, by obtaining federal aid in temporarily balancing its annual budgets without detri-

ment to essential services, and by securing amendments to the Organic Act in force in order to attain said ends;

WHEREAS, With the enactment of measures of this kind, while the proceedings are being carried out and the obstacles in the way of enjoying the final status of statehood are being overcome, The People of Puerto Rico shall have full political and fiscal autonomy to solve its own problems, and may temporarily enjoy its internal independence and its internal sovereignty,

Now, THEREFORE, *Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Puerto Rico:*

Section 3.—That The People of Puerto Rico demands an immediate liberalizing reform, of a political and economic nature, of the autonomic regimen of government which it now enjoys, petitioning the Congress of the United States of America, as it is hereby petitioned, to amend the Organic Act of Puerto Rico in force, in accord with the following:

*One.*—Recognizing the right of The People of Puerto Rico to elect its own Governor;

*Two.*—Granting powers to the Governor of Puerto Rico so that he may, with the advice and consent of the Insular Senate, appoint all the Heads of Department of the Insular Government of Puerto Rico;

*Three.*—Granting authority to the Legislature of Puerto Rico to fix the salaries of the Heads of Department, their powers and duties, and the number and titles thereof, without exceeding the number now existing;

*Four.*—Authorizing the Governor of Puerto Rico to fill the vacancies among Senators and Representatives without the need of holding partial elections, and on proposal of the directing body of the party to which the legislators whose post is vacant belonged;

*Five.*—Granting power to the Legislature of Puerto Rico to revoke the veto of the Executive by the vote of two-thirds of the total number of members of each Legislative House;

*Six.*—Providing that the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for Puerto Rico be limited to the same jurisdiction as that which belongs to courts of like nature in the States of the Union; and likewise providing that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico or, by delega-

tion, any of the associate justices, shall act as judge of said Federal Court;

*Seven.*—Stating that the decisions of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico shall be reviewable only by the Supreme Court of the United States through the same procedure as that followed in regard to final judgments of the supreme courts of the States of the Union; adopting, moreover, the remedy of certiorari before said court in those cases in which there is a controversy in regard to the American Constitution or in regard to treaties or federal laws;

*Eight.*—Establishing that statutory Acts hereafter enacted by the Congress of the United States shall govern in Puerto Rico when made expressly applicable to the Island and adopted by the Legislature of Puerto Rico, except when they refer to the organization and operation of the federal agencies, offices, and departments functioning in Puerto Rico;

*Nine.*—The modification of all laws preventing competition in the transportation of freight and passengers between the United States and Puerto Rico in order to obtain a low-priced and adequate transportation service, and chiefly to avoid the rise in price of merchandise due to high freight rates.

*Ten.*—That the Congress of the United States, as a rehabilitation measure, authorize Puerto Rico to establish fiscal tariffs, the object of which shall be:

- (1) To provide revenues to meet the expenses of the current budget;
- (2) To protect all the products of our agriculture and industry;
- (3) To declare free from import duties all such articles of prime necessity for our people as are not produced in Puerto Rico.

And likewise to authorize the Legislature of Puerto Rico to exempt from custom duties, and to levy taxes on, construction materials and raw materials necessary for the promotion of the industrialization of the Island; and likewise to prohibit the importation of all articles injurious to health due to the loss of their food value in the course of their preparation, or otherwise.

Section 4.—To request the Congress of the United States of America, as it is hereby requested, to enact legislation for the consolidation of the public debt of Puerto Rico as far as

it may be possible, to make extensive to Puerto Rico the Federal Reserve Act and any other measures enacted for the benefit of national banking, for the benefit of banking in Puerto Rico; likewise making extensive to Puerto Rico all the federal Acts already enacted, or to be hereafter enacted, for the protection and promotion of the agriculture, industry, and commerce of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.—To request the Congress of the United States of America, as it is hereby requested, to authorize the Legislature of Puerto Rico to adopt legislation tending to solve the problem of absenteeism, and as a consequence thereof, the concentration of property of non-residents.

Section 6.—To request the Congress of the United States of America, as it is hereby requested, for the purpose of improving the health of the people of the Island, a work already begun with the amounts appropriated and which are being distributed by the Federal Relief Administration, to appropriate in its annual budgets—as it is accustomed to do as aid to the federal states—such sum as it may deem fair in order to drain the miasmal mangrove swamps and to combat tuberculosis and uncinariasis in Puerto Rico.

MIGUEL A. GARCÍA MÉNDEZ,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives of Puerto Rico.*

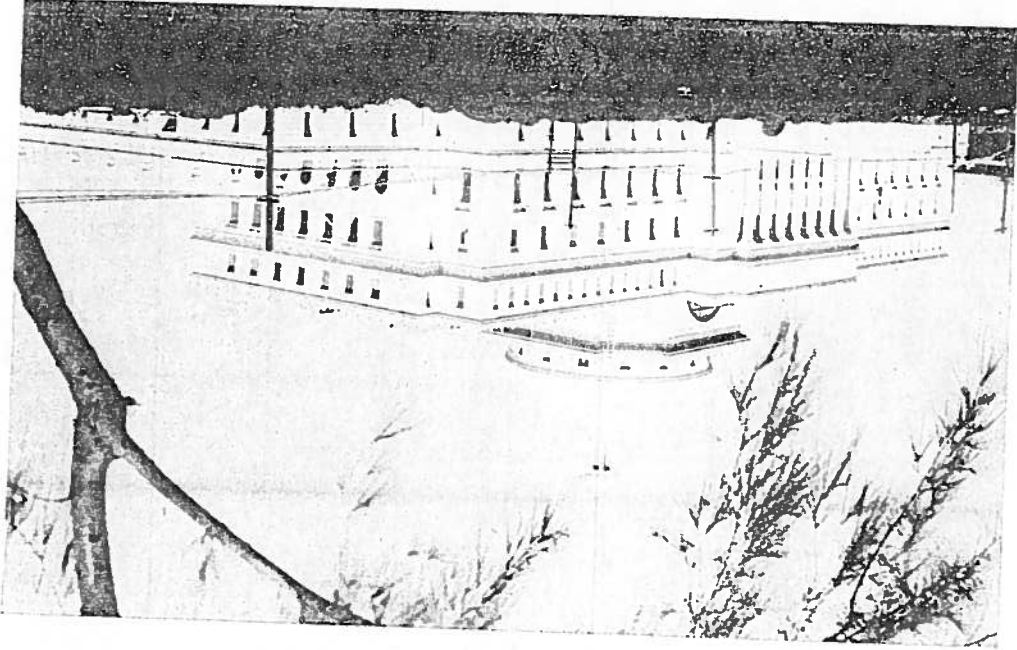
RAFAEL MARTÍNEZ NADAI,  
*President of the Senate of Puerto Rico.*

The undersigned Secretaries of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of Puerto Rico do hereby certify: That the preceding Resolution was duly adopted this 15th day of April 1934.

(Signed) ANTONIO ARROYO,  
*Secretary, House of Representatives of Puerto Rico.*

(Signed) ENRIQUE GONZÁLEZ MENA,  
*Secretary, Senate of Puerto Rico.*

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