
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 27 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, KORTZ, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN,
THOMAS, READSHAW AND DENLINGER, JANUARY 22, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 22, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to take action toward
2 admitting the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a state.

3 WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on the
4 ideal, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, that
5 government derives its powers from the consent of the governed;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Every resident of the Estado Libre Asociado de
8 Puerto Rico, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is a United
9 States citizen, having gained citizenship through the Federal
10 Jones-Shafroth Act of March 2, 1917; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico
12 pledge allegiance to the United States' flag; and

13 WHEREAS, Many United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico
14 have served, and continue to serve, our country in the United
15 States military, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to
16 maintain our freedom; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico,
18 through a referendum held on November 6, 2012, have withdrawn

1 their consent to be governed as an unincorporated territory of
2 the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico,
4 through the same referendum, voiced their collective will and
5 desire to be admitted into the Union as a state, including all
6 rights and responsibilities of a state; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
9 States to take swift action in response to the vote of the
10 United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico and their call
11 for a change in status and request for admission into the Union
12 as a state; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
15 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.