

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Commemorating the 105th anniversary of the granting of United States citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 105th anniversary of the granting of United States citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico.

Whereas, since 1898, after the Spanish-American War and following the ratification of the Treaty of Paris, Puerto Rico has been a territory of the United States;

Whereas Puerto Rico is located approximately 1,000 miles southeast of Florida;

Whereas, on this day, March 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson recognized and welcomed the people of Puerto Rico into the United States as citizens by signing into law the Jones-Shafroth Act;

Whereas the Jones-Shafroth Act separated the Government of Puerto Rico into executive, judicial, and legislative

branches and endowed Puerto Ricans with a bill of rights;

Whereas, since that time, Puerto Ricans have worked diligently to make countless contributions to the national identity of the United States by sharing their rich culture and heritage;

Whereas, since that time, Puerto Ricans have proudly served in the nation's Armed Forces, protecting Americans domestically and abroad;

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico continue to occupy a place of distinction in the civic fabric and discourse of the United States; and

Whereas the United States joins Puerto Ricans in celebration of the rights and responsibilities inherent in United States citizenship: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commemorates the 105th anniversary of the  
3       granting of United States citizenship to the people  
4       of Puerto Rico;

5               (2) encourages the people of the United States  
6       to observe and celebrate that anniversary; and

7               (3) honors the contributions made by, and cele-  
8       brates, the people of Puerto Rico.