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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been under
3 United States jurisdiction since 1898; it is the property of,
4 but not part of, the United States, and laws passed by Congress
5 apply on the island without the consent nor participation of
6 the residents thereof; and

7 WHEREAS, The principle of self-determination is a
8 cornerstone of international law, enshrined in the Charter of
9 the United Nations, which guarantees all peoples the right to
10 freely determine their political status and freely pursue
11 their economic, social, and cultural development; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of Puerto Rico have, through various
13 referendums and public expressions, demonstrated a clear
14 desire to address and resolve the island's political status;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rico Status Act has been introduced in
17 the United States Congress, raising concerns among many Puerto
18 Ricans and their allies regarding its approach to resolving
19 the island's future political status; and

20 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act proposes a
21 process for Puerto Ricans to exercise their right to

1 self-determination in a democratic and inclusive manner,
2 offering a platform for Puerto Ricans to decide their future
3 through a convention of elected representatives; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we express our support for the right of the people of Puerto
8 Rico to pursue self-determination; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we oppose the Puerto Rico Status Act due to
10 concerns over its inadequacy in facilitating a fair and
11 democratic process for Puerto Ricans to determine their future
12 given the lack of critical information over status
13 definitions, the controlling language of government
14 operations, transitions, taxes, Puerto Rico's separate Olympic
15 representation, citizenship, and other key matters; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That we endorse the Puerto Rico
18 Self-Determination Act as a constructive approach towards
19 enabling the people of Puerto Rico to explore and decide upon
20 their future political status through a democratic and
21 participatory process; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That we encourage our federal representatives to

1 support legislation and initiatives that align with the
2 principles of self-determination and democracy for Puerto
3 Rico; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to all members of the Illinois Congressional
6 Delegation as an expression of our sentiments regarding the
7 future status of Puerto Rico.