

**As Introduced**

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**H. C. R. No. 28**

**Representative Ramos**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Letson, Foley, Hagan, R., Lundy, Fedor,  
Reece, Antonio, Milkovich, Boyce, McGregor, Gerberry**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress of the United States to take 1  
action towards admitting the Commonwealth of 2  
Puerto Rico to the Union as a state. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

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through a referendum held on November 6, 2012, have withdrawn 19  
their consent to be governed as an unincorporated territory of the 20  
United States; and 21

WHEREAS, The United States citizens residing in Puerto Rico, 22  
through the same referendum, voiced their collective will and 23  
desire to be admitted into the Union as a state, including all 24  
rights and responsibilities thereto; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 26  
of the State of Ohio, respect the rights of self-governance 27  
through consent of the governed of our fellow United States 28  
citizens residing in Puerto Rico; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 30  
of the State of Ohio, strongly urge, on behalf of our fellow 31  
citizens, that the United States Congress take swift action in 32  
response to the vote of the United States citizens residing in 33  
Puerto Rico and their call for a change in status and request for 34  
admission into the Union as a state; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 37  
Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of 38  
Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United 39  
States Senate, the Members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, 40  
and the news media of Ohio. 41