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# H. CON. RES. 11

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the expression of self-determination by the people of Puerto Rico.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. SERRANO submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations and, in addition, to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the expression of self-determination by the people of Puerto Rico.

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico are natural-born citizens of the United States but do not enjoy all of the individual rights and liberties accorded to other American citizens under the United States Constitution;

Whereas the future status of Puerto Rico remains under discussion among residents of the Island of Puerto Rico and among Puerto Ricans residing in the 50 States of the United States; and

Whereas the Charter of the United Nations, a treaty to which the United States is a signatory, expresses the right of self-determination, that is the right of a people to decide

for themselves the political status under which they live:  
Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3            (1) reaffirms the commitment of the people of  
4        the United States to the principle of self-determina-  
5        tion;

6            (2) reasserts the principle, first articulated by  
7        the Congress in its ratification of the Charter of the  
8        United Nations, that with respect to territories  
9        whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure  
10       of self-government, the interests of the inhabitants  
11       of such territories are paramount; and

12           (3) endorses the right of the people of Puerto  
13       Rico to political self-determination.

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