

82^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. J. RES. 430

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1952

Mr. FERNÓS-ISERN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

Approving the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which was adopted by the people of Puerto Rico on March 3, 1952.

Whereas the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the organization of a constitutional government by the people of Puerto Rico", approved July 3, 1950, was adopted by the Congress as a compact with the people of Puerto Rico, to become operative upon its approval by the people of Puerto Rico; and

Whereas the people of Puerto Rico overwhelmingly approved such Act in a referendum held on June 4, 1951, and a constitution for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was drafted by a constitutional convention held as provided by such Act from September 17, 1951, to February 6, 1952; and

Whereas such constitution was adopted by the people of Puerto

Rico, by a vote of three hundred seventy-four thousand six hundred and forty-nine to eighty-two thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, in a referendum held on March 3, 1952; and

Whereas the President of the United States has declared that the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico conforms fully with the applicable provisions of such Act of July 3, 1950, and of the Constitution of the United States, that it contains a bill of rights, and provides for a republican form of government, and has transmitted the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to the Congress for its approval; and

Whereas the Congress has considered the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and has found it duly to conform to the above requirements: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
4 which was drafted by the selected delegates to the Constitu-
5 tional Convention at Puerto Rico and adopted by the people
6 of Puerto Rico in a referendum of March 3, 1952, in accord-
7 ance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the organ-
8 ization of a constitutional government by the people of Puerto
9 Rico", approved July 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 119; 48 U. S. C.,
10 secs. 731b-731c), is hereby approved by the Congress of
11 the United States, effective as of the date of the enactment
12 of this joint resolution.

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