H. J. RES. 1010

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 1976

Mr. DELLUMS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
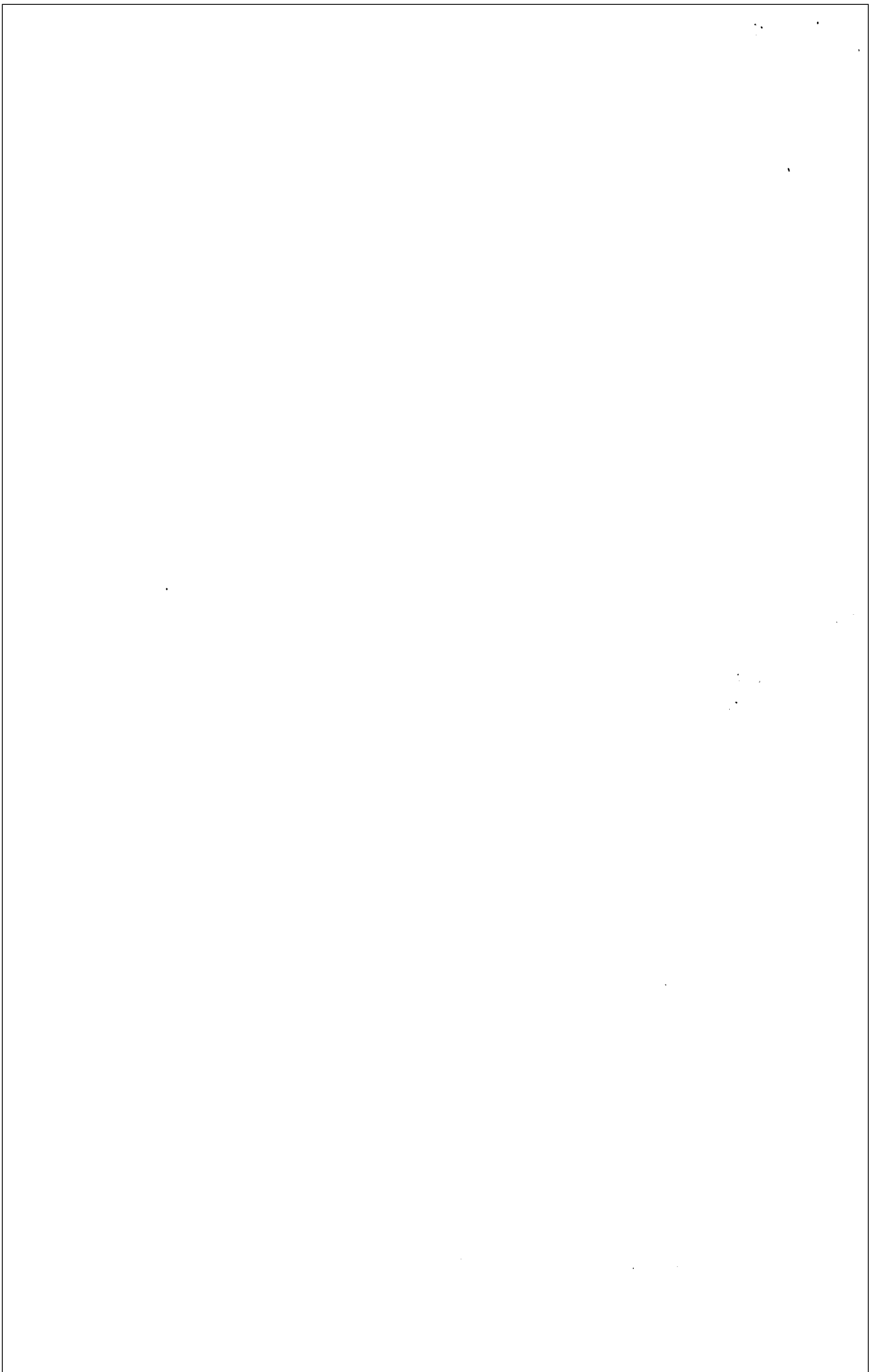
JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide independence for Puerto Rico.

Whereas the people of the United States in the Declaration of Independence of 1776 made a commitment to the principle that all colonial peoples have the inalienable right to self-determination and the right to assume their place as free and independent states among the nations of the world, and

Whereas the Constitution of the United States mandates that the status of inferiority for any peoples presently under the control of the United States be forthwith abolished: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*

2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3   That all powers and authority presently exercised by the

4   three branches of the Government of the United States, legis-

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1 lative, judicial, and executive, and all its agencies and instru-

2 mentalities, including the Armed Forces of the United States,

3 over the territory of Puerto Rico, are hereby relinquished

4 and transferred unconditionally and without reservations to

5 the people of Puerto Rico, in order to allow them to fully

6 exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and inde-

7 pendence, in accordance with their freely expressed will and

8 desire.

9   SEC. 2. In order to implement the purposes of this

10 resolution, the Congress urges the people of Puerto Rico to

11 freely convene a constituent assembly with full proportional

12 representation for all the people of Puerto Rico in order to

13 organize the body politic of the Puerto Rican people and

14 fully exercise their inalienable right to determine their own

15 future.

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