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H. RES. 585

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to any enabling legislation which may arise concerning Puerto Rican statehood.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAILEY of Pennsylvania submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas our fellow American citizens in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have strong cultural, political, commercial, and financial ties with their fellow citizens in the other fifty States and territories of the United States;

Whereas our fellow American citizens of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may at some time deliberate the question of changing the status of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and may someday decide to join the Union as another State of the United States; and

Whereas the Congress of the United States at that time would be required to enact enabling legislation should our fellow

American citizens in Puerto Rico decide to seek statehood:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Repre-
2 sentatives that any enabling legislation providing for the
3 statehood of Puerto Rico that shall be considered by the Con-
4 gress recognize, protect, and continue to promote the strong
5 cultural, political, commercial, and financial ties to the bene-
6 fit of our fellow American citizens in Puerto Rico and thus to
7 the benefit of the citizens in the other 50 States and territo-
8 ries of the United States.

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