

Puerto Rico
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**PUERTO RICO CHAPTER
Resolution**

Title: Request to the Members of LULAC National to demand from the U.S. Congress and President George W. Bush the enforcement of a non-colonial alternative to solve the century political condition in Puerto Rico before this present electoral term in office ends.

WHEREAS, By virtue of the Treaty of Paris, Puerto Rico was ceded to the U.S. consequently becoming part of the Nation and has maintained the same colonial status for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1917 Puerto Ricans obtained the U.S. citizenship and yet its population has not received equal treatment concerning rights and responsibilities because of the unresolved political status; and

WHEREAS, Its four (4) million residents do not have any valid participation at the government decision making process in the United States; and

WHEREAS, There are currently approximately five (5) million Puerto Ricans living in the States as part of the growing Hispanic population, largest minority group, and contribute greatly in both the private and public sector; and

WHEREAS, Puerto Ricans have contributed in business, education, science, the arts to name a few, becoming part of the American way of life.

WHEREAS, The United States has always defended democracy, liberty and human rights throughout the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the United States has a moral responsibility to recognize:

- The rights of U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico to enjoy the same status and duties of those that live in the mainland.
- That the President George W. Bush and Congress must look for non-colonial alternatives to solve the century condition in Puerto Rico before the end of the present electoral term ends.

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