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COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CAPITOL BUILDING
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00903

Lic. Cristino Bernazard
SECRETARY

January 20, 1978

Hon. Congressman
United States Congress
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Congressman:

By direction of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, I am including for your information a copy of the House Resolution number 339, unanimously approved on January 16, 1978, on the occasion of the death of the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cristino Bernazard".

Cristino Bernazard
Secretary of the
House of Representatives

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Enclosure

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I, CRISTINO BERNAZARD, Secretary of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico do hereby

C E R T I F Y :

That the House of Representatives in its session of January 16, 1978 approved in final vote House Resolution No. 339 which reads as follows:

"RESOLUTION

That this High Body express, in the name of the People of Puerto Rico, the condolences and sorrow evinced by the country on the irreparable loss of the dear friend of the Puerto Rican People, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The death of Hubert H. Humphrey at 66 years of age, has closed one of the richest and most enlightened political careers in the history of the United States of America. As President Carter once stated: "For thirty years his voice was heard throughout the

country in defense of the oppressed, the hungry, the victims of poverty and discrimination."

In his political labors he was a democrat and a liberal. He aspired to the highest office of the land several times, and, because of absurd and ironic reasons, never fulfilled his aspirations, notwithstanding the fact that among the candidates he was one of the most capable and outstanding. With a great sense of drama, and as an example of his loyalty to his People and to the unity of the National Democratic Party, he announced his withdrawal as a candidate to the Presidency on April 29, 1976, although he continued his public service in the Senate of the Congress of the United States.

As a Crusader for Civil Rights, he always gave first priority to the health and protection of the aged, the workers, the disabled, the ill, the blacks and the unemployed. In their defense he often used his eloquent, persuasive and vibrant oratory.

They called him "the Happy Warrior", because he never showed fatigue or rancor in the face of adversity. He was a man of the People. He wanted to be known as he was-- that people would sense his individuality. He had the most acute political perception of the North American people's thoughts and feelings. He was exuberant in his virtue as a public figure, without lessening his sentimentality,

which he evidenced with tears in his eyes, on innumerable occasions.

His heart, mind, imagination and his boundless physical energy were determining factors in the continued improvement of the way of life in the United States through his own action and as an advisor. He did this as a first-class legislator and as a conciliator who always achieved a sympathetic response between controverted parties.

The New York Times places him among the great men in United States history, along with Robert Taft, Robert La Follete, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, John Calhoun. His greatest concern was world peace. He was the leader in the creation of the Peace Corps, the Arms Control Agency, the 1963 Nuclear Arms Treaty, the Food Program and Economic Assistance to Needy Countries.

At the National Democratic Convention of 1948, he made history when he said

"There are those who say to you, we are rushing this issue of Civil Rights." I say we are 172 years late; the time has arrived to get out of the shadow of states' rights and walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of human rights; People -- human beings -- this is the issue of this Twentieth Century."

He fought for the establishment of the Woodlands conservation program; Medicare, Universal Health Services; and a full-employment bill for anyone who wished to work. He was an idealist who turned many of his ideas into the realities that have propitiated greater well-being today for each American.

This happy warrior, who espoused the policy of happiness, was a dear friend of the Puerto Rican People, and we would be ungrateful if at the moment of his departure from this world, we did not try to express what is so deeply felt by all of the people of the country -- our sorrow upon his passing, our sympathy to the surviving members of his family, and our gratitude for all that was good and admirable, embodied in the relationship between the People of Puerto Rico and the late Hubert H. Humphrey.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PUERTO RICO:

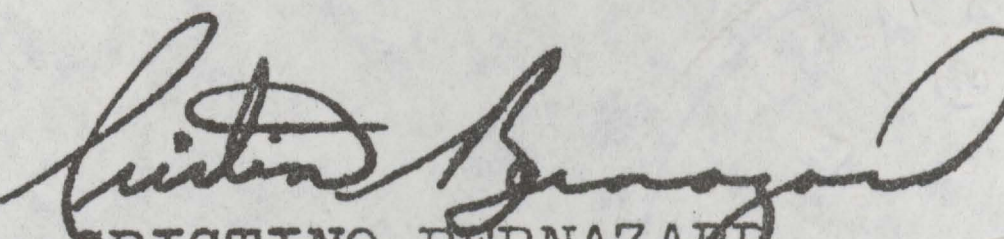
Section 1.- To express the condolences and sorrow of the People of Puerto Rico upon the irreparable loss of a sincere and dear friend.

Section 2.- To remit a copy of this Resolution in the Spanish and English language to the relatives of the late Hubert H. Humphrey, the President of the United States, all of the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Resident Commissioner

of Puerto Rico in Washington, the Executive Committee of the National Democratic Party, and a copy hereof to the information media of our country.

AND FOR TRANSMITTAL TO _____

I issue this certificate in my office at the Capitol Building in San Juan, Puerto Rico and set my hand and affix the seal of the House of Representatives hereon, this seventeenth day of January of the year nineteen hundred seventy-eight.


CRISTINO BERNAZAKI
Secretary of the
House of Representatives

