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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 23, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memories of the Puerto Rican service
2 members killed in the noncombat-related military plane crash
3 in Savannah, Georgia.

4 WHEREAS, On May 2, 2018, a WC-130 Hercules cargo plane
5 traveling from Savannah, Georgia, to Tucson, Arizona, crashed
6 shortly after takeoff, killing all nine service members on
7 board; and

8 WHEREAS, The nine service members were part of the 156th
9 Airlift Wing, which is home to the "Bucaneros," and had nearly
10 170 years of combined service experience; and

11 WHEREAS, The plane, also attached to the Puerto Rico Air
12 National Guard 156th Airlift Wing, was being decommissioned
13 after more than 40 years of use; and

14 WHEREAS, As part of Puerto Rico's Air National Guard fleet,
15 the plane could be outfitted for transport, reconnaissance,
16 search and rescue, research, refueling, patrol or as a gunship;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, During the 2017 hurricane season, the Puerto Rico
3 Air National Guard used the aircraft to rescue Americans from
4 the British Virgin Islands after Hurricane Irma, and later
5 supplied much needed food and water to Puerto Ricans after
6 Hurricane Maria; and

7 WHEREAS, The roles of the nine airmen who perished were
8 essential during each mission in which they participated,
9 including the 2017 hurricane recovery, rescue and resupply
10 efforts; and

11 WHEREAS, Major Jose R. Roman Rosado, the pilot, with 18 years
12 of service, is survived by his wife and two sons; and

13 WHEREAS, Major Carlos Perez Serra, an aircraft navigator with
14 23 years of service, is survived by his wife, two sons and a
15 daughter; and

16 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant David Albandoz, the copilot, with
17 16 years of service, is survived by his wife and daughter; and

18 WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Jan Paravisini, an aircraft
19 mechanic with 21 years of service, is survived by two daughters
20 and a son; and

21 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Jean Audriffred, an airman with 16
22 years of service, is survived by his wife and two sons; and

23 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Mario Braña, the flight engineer
24 with 17 years of service, is survived by his mother and
25 daughter; and

26 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Victor Colon, an airman with 22
27 years of service, is survived by his wife and two daughters; and

28 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Eric Circuns, a loadmaster with 31
29 years of service, is survived by his wife, two stepdaughters and
30 a son; and

1 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Roberto Espada, with three years of
2 service, is survived by his grandmother; and

3 WHEREAS, The crash and nine fatalities brings the total
4 number of noncombat-related wrecks of military aircraft to seven
5 so far this year, resulting in 27 United States service member
6 deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, Honoring the courageous men and women who serve in
8 uniform is of the highest priority for the House of
9 Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the lives and memories of the
13 nine Puerto Rican service members killed in the noncombat-
14 related military plane crash in Savannah, Georgia; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its
17 deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the fallen
18 airmen; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
20 the families of the nine Puerto Rican service members.