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Introduced by Mr. *Hernández Mayoral*

Referred to

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Dorothy Rodham, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to U.S. Secretary of the State, Hillary Rodham Clinton and her family on her mother's passing.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Dorothy Emma Howell Rodham was born on June 4, 1919, in Chicago Illinois, the daughter of a city firefighter. She emerged from a hard and lonely early life to be an affectionate and levelheaded woman. She was married in 1942 and became a full-time homemaker, raising her children. In addition to Hillary, she had two others sons, Hugh and Tony Rodham, from her marriage to Hugh E. Rodham.

Mrs. Rodham was characterized by inculcating great values to her children and encouraging them to study and achieve professional careers. Although she never worked outside the family home, she did help President Clinton's campaigns and her son Hugh's 1994 U.S. Senate bid.

In 1987, she and her husband moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, to be close to Hillary. Mrs. Rodham was considered intensely private and, despite the popularity of her daughter and son in law, rarely made public statements. She became much closer to her granddaughter Chelsea after the death of her husband in 1993, and used to travel to Paris with her daughter when the President had an official visit.

Even though little is known about her, given her private nature, Mrs. Rodham will be remembered for her exquisite sense of humor, but more than anything, for her devotion to family and her immense sense of adventure.

For all the above reasons, this Senate expresses its deepest condolences to the U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, after the passing of her beloved mother, Dorothy Rodham, on November 1, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1.- Recognizes and honors Dorothy Rodham and expresses its condolences to
2 the U.S. Secretary of the State, Hillary Rodham Clinton and her family on her death.

3 Section 2.- An appropriate copy of this Resolution will be transmitted to the U.S.
4 Secretary of the State, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

5 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect upon approval.