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SENATE OF PUERTO RICO

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Presented by *Mrs. Arce Ferrer, Mrs Nolasco Santiago and Mr. Torres Torres*

RESOLUTION

To extend the warmest congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico to Eduardo Peña Jr, in occasion of his visit to Puerto Rico.

EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

Eduardo Peña Jr was elected National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in Las Vegas in 1978, in a historic and first election ever by secret ballot. Mr. Pena won by 75 % of the votes and served as President during LULAC's 50th Anniversary year.

Mr. Peña was born in Laredo, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his law degree from the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C., he started his career in government with the U.S. Department of Labor. He served as counsel for U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough from Texas and with U.S. Senator Birch Bayh.

The following year Mr. Peña was appointed Director of Compliance at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; a position which he held until he resigned after he was elected National President of LULAC on July 1978. Mr. Pena entered private law practice in Washington DC. Also became Chairman and CEO of Peña Communications, which started a television station in Laredo, Texas and secured cellular permits from the FCC during the early years of the cellular telephone business. He was named to the Board of Directors of C and P Telephone Company of Washington, and continued to serve in the same capacity when the company was merged with Bell Atlantic Telephone Company.

At that time, as LULAC'S National President, Mr. Peña started new initiatives aimed at developing leadership, improving the quality and scope of LULAC's services, and increasing its membership by becoming more visible among all segments of the communities organization that he serves.

He is member of the National Hispanic bar Association and former Vice- Chairman, American bar Association, Minority Media Telecommunication Council.

Mr. Peña is the recipient of numerous national awards citing his achievements which include; The HERO Award presented by the National Hispanic Leadership Institute for his lifetime commitment to the development of the Hispanic community, U.S. Department of Labor for Meritorious Achievement Awards, honored twice with this award each by a different Secretary of Labor, LULAC's Presidential Award for Outstanding Service to the Hispanic community and LULAC's Distinguished Service Award and National Black Veterans Organization's Distinguished Service Award.

The Senate of Puerto Rico congratulates and recognizes the hard work of Eduardo Pena Jr and encourages him to continue with his extraordinary commitment.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1.- Extend the warmest congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto
2 Rico to Eduardo Peña Jr in occasion of his visit to Puerto Rico.

3 Section 2.- A copy of this Resolution in the form of parchment, will be given to Eduardo
4 Peña Jr, Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., in " Teatro Tapia" at El Viejo San Juan, Puerto
5 Rico.

6 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval