RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Senate of Puerto Rico on the death of an American hero, Senator John McCain.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Senator John S. McCain passed away last Saturday, August 25, 2018, after a long battle with cancer. This American hero was a veteran from the Vietnam War, where he served as a pilot for the Navy after he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958. His illustrious military career almost came to an end when his plane was shot down at North Vietnam and he was held prisoner for years. After he was released, he returned to the Navy and regained pilot status, then retired in 1981. His military honors include the Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Legion of Merit, a Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

McCain was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982. In 1986 he became a U.S. Senator. Over the course of his career, which extended for over three decades, Senator McCain served as Chairman of the Senate Committees on Indian Affairs, Commerce, Science and Transportation, and most recently, Armed Services.

As Senator, McCain authored legislation to establish the 9/11 Commission and sponsored legislation strengthening airport security in the wake of the attacks. Late in his career, he traveled overseas frequently and had established relations with heads of
state, opposition leaders, military leaders, and political activists the world over. He was
dedicated to the advancement of American values and to the maintenance of strong,
visionary U.S. leadership. Often viewed as a dissident voice within the Republican
Party, he became its nominee for President in 2008.

Senator McCain, who is survived by his wife Cindy, his seven children and five
grandsons, will be laid to rest at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis,
Maryland. The Senate of Puerto Rico, in recognition of a lifetime of excellent public
service and sacrifice on behalf of our great Nation, extends its condolences to Senator
McCain’s wife and family and thanks them for allowing the People of the United States
to enjoy the excellence service of this American hero.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- That the Senate of Puerto Rico offers its deep sympathies to the
members of the family of the late Senator John McCain.

Section 2.- That the Senate of Puerto Rico honors the legacy of Senator John
McCain for his life-long commitment to our nation, from his heroic service in the
Navy to his 35 years in Congress, and his courage to put the greater good above our
own and put partisanship aside to do what he thought was best for the country.

Section 3.- That when the Senate adjourns today, it do so as a mark of respect to
the memory of the late John McCain.

Section 4.- Copy of this Resolution will be sent to Senator McCain’s wife, Cincy,
and the Senate of the United States.

Section 5.- This Resolution will be effective immediately after its approval.