

1 [Urging the Secretary of the Interior to Recognize the Crash Site of Roberto Clemente’s
2 Airplane as a Historic Landmark]

3 **Resolution urging the Secretary of the Interior to recognize the crash site of Roberto**
4 **Clemente’s airplane and adjacent land in the National Register of Historic Places.**

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6 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was an American baseball legend who embodied the
7 values of a model citizen; and

8 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente won two Major League Baseball World Series
9 Championships, was named World Series Most Valuable Player, and was an All-Star for 12
10 seasons; and

11 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente served this nation as a united states marine corps
12 reservist; and

13 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was the first Puerto Rican inducted into the baseball
14 hall of fame; and

15 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was inducted into the marine corps sports hall of fame;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was committed to caring and helping those in need,
18 regardless of their location; and

19 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente selflessly chose to travel to Nicaragua after and
20 earthquake to provide humanitarian aid; and

21 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente’s plane crashed shortly after taking off from Isla Verde
22 International Airport/Aeropuerto Internacional de Isla Verde on December 31, 1972; and

23 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was only 38 years old when he tragically passed away;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente’s passion and advocacy demonstrated the positive
2 influence that professional athletes could have in improving the lives of others; and

3 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente challenged the stereotypes that had marginalized
4 native Spanish speakers in this nation and remains an icon to many Puerto Ricans and
5 Latinos in the United States and Latin America; and

6 WHEREAS, Major league baseball presents an annual Roberto Clemente award to the
7 player that best embodies Roberto Clemente’s value of service to others and represents the
8 game of baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy, and
9 positive contributions, both on and off the field; and

10 WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente was posthumously awarded the presidential medal of
11 freedom, presidential citizens medal, and the congressional gold medal for his civic and
12 charitable contributions; and

13 WHEREAS, The 115th Congress agreed to urge the Secretary of the Interior to
14 recognize the historical significance of Roberto Clemente's place of death near Piñones in
15 Loíza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to the National Register of Historic Places in December of
16 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, The crash site in the adjacent area to Playa Aviones in the municipality of
18 Loíza, Puerto Rico, was the last place where Roberto Clemente graced this world; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors requests that the Secretary of the Interior
21 recognize the crash site of Roberto Clemente’s airplane and the adjacent land by adding such
22 site to the National Register of Historic Places.