

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 108

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Expresses profound disagreement with President's decision to restore full diplomatic relations with Cuba.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** expressing profound disagreement with the
2 decision of the President of the United States to restore full
3 diplomatic relations with Cuba.

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5 **WHEREAS**, On December 17, 2014, the President of the United States
6 announced that this country would restore full diplomatic relations
7 with the nation of Cuba after more than 50 years of unconcealed
8 hostility; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Cuba has been under the crushing yoke of a brutal
10 communist dictatorship since 1959, led first by Fidel Castro and
11 more recently by his brother Raul; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The actions of the Castro brothers have resulted in the
13 impoverishment of the Cuban people, and the complete and blatant
14 disregard of human rights and democratic principles by the
15 government of that Caribbean nation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Cuba under the Castros has been an active and ominous
17 threat to the vital interests of this nation and all peace-loving
18 countries, as members of Cuba's military and diplomatic corps have
19 worked assiduously through the years to promote violent, anti-
20 democratic revolutions in different parts of the world; and

21 **WHEREAS**, The diplomatic initiative announced by the President
22 involved the release of U.S. government subcontractor Alan Gross
23 by Cuba after five years of detention due to the absurd and
24 unfounded allegation of being a spy, and the release by the United
25 States of three convicted Cuban spies linked to terroristic activities
26 in this country; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Numerous respected public federal and State officials, both
28 Democratic and Republican, have denounced this move by
29 President Obama and believe strongly that it will do nothing to free
30 the Cuban people from the poverty and injustice they have suffered
31 for more than half a century and that it will only serve to support a
32 tottering and bankrupt dictatorship; and

33 **WHEREAS**, Residents of New Jersey are very familiar with the
34 viciousness of the Castro regime because the State has become the
35 home of thousands of Cuban-born men and women who fled from a
36 regime intent on stealing their property and putting them at the
37 service of a brutal military government, and who know first-hand
38 how the Castro brothers have destroyed the culture and economic
39 vitality of their homeland; and

40 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper for this House to express profound
41 disagreement with the decision of the President of the United
42 States to restore full diplomatic relations with Cuba; now,
43 therefore,

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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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47 1. This House expresses profound disagreement with the

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1 decision of the President of the United States to restore full
2 diplomatic relations with Cuba.

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4 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of the
5 Senate, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
6 President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United
7 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
8 Representatives and to every member of Congress elected thereto
9 from this State.

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STATEMENT

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14 This Senate Resolution expresses profound disagreement with
15 the decision of the President of the United States to restore full
16 diplomatic relations with Cuba.