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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. King of Iowa (for himself, Mr. Gingrey of Georgia, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Jones, Mr. Brooks of Alabama, Mrs. Black, Ms. Foxx, Mr. Culberson, Mr. Miller of Florida, Mr. Conaway, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Nugent, and Mr. Barletta) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Birthright Citizenship Act of 2013”.

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 140
SEC. 2. CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH FOR CERTAIN PERSONS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401) is amended—

(1) by inserting ``(a) IN GENERAL.—'' before ``The following'';

(2) by redesignating subsections (a) through (h) as paragraphs (1) through (8), respectively; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

``(b) DEFINITION.—Acknowledging the right of birthright citizenship established by section 1 of the 14th amendment to the Constitution, a person born in the United States shall be considered ‘subject to the jurisdiction’ of the United States for purposes of subsection (a)(1) if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is—

``(1) a citizen or national of the United States;

``(2) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States whose residence is in the United States; or

``(3) an alien performing active service in the armed forces (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code).’’.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(3) shall not be construed to affect the citizen-
ship or nationality status of any person born before the date of the enactment of this Act.