

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2493

To declare as citizens of the United States certain women who lost citizenship solely by reason of marriage to an alien prior to September 22, 1922.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 1999

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. WALSH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. REYNOLDS) 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 Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN**
4 **WOMEN WHO LOST CITIZENSHIP SOLELY BY**
5 **REASON OF MARRIAGE TO AN ALIEN PRIOR**
6 **TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1922.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
8 title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1401 et seq.), any woman who was a citizen of the United

1 States, lost such citizenship solely because the woman
2 married an alien prior to September 22, 1922, and died
3 before December 24, 1952, is hereby declared to be a cit-
4 izen of the United States as of the date of the enactment
5 of this Act.

6 (b) NO RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—This Act may not
7 be construed to affect—

8 (1) the citizenship of any person other than a
9 woman described in subsection (a); or

10 (2) the citizenship before the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act of a woman described in subsection
12 (a).

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