## 108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2487

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY 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, 2 3 SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ESTHER 4 KARINGE. 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) 6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality 7 Act, Esther Karinge shall be eligible for issuance of an 8 immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an 9 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under 10 section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to 11

12 lawful permanent resident.

1 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Esther Karinge 2 enters the United States before the filing deadline speci-3 fied in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have en-4 tered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, 5 be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of 6 the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the 7 enactment of this Act.

8 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF 9 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-10 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees 11 12 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act. 13 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.— Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-14 15 idence to Esther Karinge, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current 16 or next following fiscal year, the total number of immi-17 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-18 try of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immi-19 20 gration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total 21 number of immigrant visas that are made available to na-22 tives of the country of the alien's birth under section 23 202(e) of such Act.

24 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION25 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural

1 parents, brothers, and sisters of Esther Karinge shall not,

- 2 by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privi-
- 3 lege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.