

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 492

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

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. 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 fil-
10 ing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under
11 section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to
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 applica-
11 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
12 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
14 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
15 idence to Esther Karinge, the Secretary of State shall in-
16 struct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current
17 or next following fiscal year, the total number of immi-
18 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
19 try of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immi-
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 IMMIGRATION
25 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.

