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For the relief of Benita Veliz-Castillo.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Benita Veliz-Castillo.

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 BENITA 4 **VELIZ-CASTILLO.** 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) 6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality 7 Act, Benita Veliz-Castillo shall be eligible for issuance of 8 an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of 9 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon 10 filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status 11 to lawful permanent resident. 12

1 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Benita Veliz-2 Castillo enters the United States before the filing deadline 3 specified in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have 4 entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligi-5 ble, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of 7 the 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 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act. 12 13 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.— Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-14 idence to Benita Veliz-Castillo, the Secretary of State shall 15 instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the cur-16 17 rent or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the 18 country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the 19 20 Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the 21 total number of immigrant visas that are made available 22 to natives 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

parents, brothers, and sisters of Benita Veliz-Castillo shall
not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right,
privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality
Act.