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For the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno
Rojas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2017

Ms. PELOSI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J.
Refugio Carreno Rojas.

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 MARIA**

4 **CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO**

5 **CARRENO ROJAS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
7 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio
9 Carreno Rojas shall each be eligible for issuance of an im-
10 migrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien

1 lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an
2 application for issuance of an immigrant visa under sec-
3 tion 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful
4 permanent resident.

5 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Maria Carmen
6 Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas enters the
7 United States before the filing deadline specified in sub-
8 section (d), he or she shall be considered to have entered
9 and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be
10 eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the
11 Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act.

13 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL
14 OF ADMISSION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
16 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
17 ality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J.
18 Refugio Carreno Rojas may not be removed from the
19 United States, denied admission to the United
20 States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent
21 residence in the United States by reason of any
22 ground for removal or denial of admission that is re-
23 flected in the records of the Department of Home-
24 land Security or the Visa Office of the Department
25 of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF
2 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
3 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-
4 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-
5 portability, that has been entered against Maria
6 Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno
7 Rojas by reason of any ground described in para-
8 graph (1).

9 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
10 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
11 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
12 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
13 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
15 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
16 idence to Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio
17 Carreno Rojas, the Secretary of State shall instruct the
18 proper officer to reduce by 2, during the current or next
19 following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas
20 that are made available to natives of the country of the
21 aliens' birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and
22 Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immi-
23 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
24 try of the aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

1 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-
2 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,
3 brothers, and sisters of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez
4 and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall not, by virtue of such
5 relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status
6 under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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