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For the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

For the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez.

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 VICTORIA**
4 **GALINDO LOPEZ.**

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

1 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Victoria Galindo
2 Lopez 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) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL
9 OF ADMISSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
11 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
12 ality Act, Victoria Galindo Lopez may not be re-
13 moved from the United States, denied admission to
14 the United States, or considered ineligible for lawful
15 permanent residence in the United States by reason
16 of any ground for removal or denial of admission
17 that is reflected in the records of the Department of
18 Homeland Security or the Visa Office of the Depart-
19 ment of State on the date of the enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF
22 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
23 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-
24 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-
25 portability, that has been entered against Victoria

1 Galindo Lopez by reason of any ground described in
2 paragraph (1).

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

8 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
9 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
10 idence to Victoria Galindo Lopez, the Secretary of State
11 shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the
12 current or next following fiscal year, the total number of
13 immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the
14 country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the
15 Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the
16 total number of immigrant visas that are made available
17 to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section
18 202(e) of such Act.

19 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-
20 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,
21 brothers, and sisters of Victoria Galindo Lopez shall not,
22 by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privi-
23 lege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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