



Office of the Governor
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

June 4, 1980

The Honorable Jack Kemp, M. C.
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 12th. I shall share with his widow, Doña Inés Mendoza viuda de Muñoz-Marín, your thoughtful expression of admiration and sympathy on the occasion of the death of Puerto Rico's first elected Governor, Don Luis Muñoz-Marín, including a copy of your remarks as published in The Congressional Record.

I was also most interested to receive the material pertaining to your Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone Act. It is clearly a concept worthy of careful consideration by the Congress, and we shall be following closely its progress in the House. You are to be congratulated for seeking new and constructive avenues to productive prosperity for the residents of our nation's most economically disadvantaged areas.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely,


Carlos Romero-Barceló

Carlos Romero Barceló



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

May 12, 1980

JACK KEMP
THIRTY EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW YORK

Dear Governor Romero:

I share your deep sorrow over the death of one of the giants of Puerto Rico, Don Luis Munoz Marin.

Munoz will go down in history as the man who helped restore social justice and economic growth to Puerto Rico, and for helping set the groundwork for some of the vital and innovative efforts you are undertaking.

I have enclosed a copy of my tribute to this great man and leader, for your interest. As always, I am very interested in your progressive ideas and look forward to seeing you again soon.

With best regards, I remain

Very Sincerely Yours,

JACK KEMP
Member of Congress

Governor Carlos Romero Barcelo
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

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thought you should see my new bill on urban jobs JK

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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE OF CONGRESS FOR UNTIRING EFFORTS OF THE LATE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, DON LUIS MUÑOZ MARÍN, TO FOSTER TIES BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KEMP. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I do not object except to join in this colloquy on the life and times of Luis Muñoz Marín of Puerto Rico. He is, as the previous speaker has said, going to go down in history as one of the giants of Puerto Rico and, indeed, the world. He helped restore social justice and economic growth to Puerto Rico. I am pleased to join with my colleagues in paying respects to his life, his leadership, and his concern for social and economic justice. He had a great capacity for understanding what it is that provides a better life for people not only out on the island of Puerto Rico, but throughout the world. I appreciate the chance to speak out on behalf of his leadership for Puerto Rico and for all parts of the world.

It was Muñoz who said:

When you are the party in opposition, you can afford to be the party that demands redistribution of wealth. But as we become the party of government, we had to give more room to the idea of growth, so there would be more to distribute.

And Muñoz did just that, securing a minimum wage differential for Puerto Rico and a 10-year tax exemption for new industry, which became the backbone for Operation Bootstrap—Muñoz' plan for creating jobs and opportunities and a higher standard of living for the Puerto Rican people. The economy took off. And to this day, it is almost impossible to find a Puerto Rican of any political stripe who does not speak the name Muñoz with respect, if not reverence. I agree.

I wish I could have cosponsored the resolution of my friend from New York Mr. GARCIA, but I am glad to speak as a member of the minority party for the unanimous passage of this tribute to a great man, a great democrat, a great leader, and one of my heroes of history, Luis Muñoz Marín.

I share his goal and dream of prosperity and growth and social justice for all.



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June 4, 1980

Mr. Schuyler E. Tallman
58 Arnold Avenue
Amsterdam, New York 12010

Dear Mr. Tallman:

On behalf of the people of Puerto Rico, I extend our deep appreciation for your message of sympathy on the occasion of the death of former Governor Luis Muñoz-Marín. Your expression of condolence in a moment of profound sorrow meant a great deal to us all.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my official statement of April 30th, and shall forward a copy of your letter to Don Luis' widow, Doña Inés Mendoza viuda de Muñoz-Marín.

With personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos Romero-Barceló".

Carlos Romero-Barceló

Enclosure

Schuyler E. Callman
58 Arnold Avenue
Amsterdam, New York 12010
U. S. A.

May 5, 1980

Office of the Governor
Government Offices
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

Gentlemen:

Please allow me to use this means to express my sincerest sympathy in the recent passing of Governor Luis Munoz Marin.

He will be long remembered by all those who knew him and of his fine efforts on behalf of Puerto Rico.

Condolences.

Sincerely yours,


Schuyler E. Callman

See 5/9/80
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Hon. Romeo Barcelo, Carlos

LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

13 de mayo del 1980

Estimado Señor Gobernador:

Aun agobiada por la pérdida que hemos sufrido, deseo expresar a usted y a su esposa mi mayor agradecimiento por sus palabras de consuelo.

Agradezco igualmente sus disposiciones de duelo público por la muerte de Luis Muñoz Marín, su participación en la guardia de honor frente al féretro en el Capitolio, su presencia en las horas fúnebres en la Catedral. Lamento el mal entendido en torno a mi asistencia a Barragán.

Justo homenaje

A pesar de diferencias de criterio,
Muñoz guardó siempre el mayor
respeto y afecto por su familia.
Reconoció en don Antonio R. Barceló
un patriota dedicado de por vida
al servicio de Puerto Rico.

Quedo de usted con la
mayor consideración,

Jesús M. de Muñoz Marín

Honorable Carlos Romero Barceló
Gobernador de Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza



El Gobernador de Puerto Rico

30 de abril de 1980.

Estimada Doña Inés:

Tanto en el plano personal como el oficial, Kate y yo nos ponemos a su disposición en esta hora de profunda pena. Al llegar el momento inevitable de la muerte de un ser querido, nunca estamos completamente preparados para bregar con esa dolorosa experiencia. Quiero que usted sepa que desde el fondo de nuestros corazones nos unimos a usted en este triste y difícil momento y le ofrecemos además nuestra cooperación en todo lo necesario para ayudar en cualquier gestión dirigida a honrar la memoria de su esposo, no solamente durante esta semana, sino en cualquier ocasión futura.

Don Luis dedicó su vida a luchar por la justicia social y la democracia y todo Puerto Rico emboca y aprecia el apoyo intelectual y emocional que usted siempre le brindó. Le ruego se ponga en comunicación conmigo en cualquier momento que yo pueda servirle. Afectuosamente, Carlos Llovera Dávila