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I am pleased to join in celebrating the 62nd anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

For more than a century, the people of Puerto Rico have woven lasting political, economic, social, and cultural threads into the fabric of America. Today, millions of our citizens call Puerto Rico home and millions of Puerto Ricans living on the mainland travel there for business, vacation, and visits with loved ones. We honor their contributions to our Nation and welcome their vigorous participation in helping develop and shape our country's future.

I am inspired by Puerto Rico's commitment to growth and prosperity, and I wish the people of Puerto Rico the very best on this special anniversary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large, stylized "B" at the beginning and a horizontal line extending to the right.