

HOUSE No. 1632

By Mr. William F. Sullivan of Boston, petition of the 9th Regiment Veterans' Association for placing in the State House of a mural in commemoration of the services rendered during the Civil War of Colonel Thomas Cass and the officers and men of the 9th Regiment of Infantry. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A MURAL IN COMMEMORATION OF COLONEL THOMAS CASS AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE NINTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS, FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE STATE AND NATION DURING THE CIVIL WAR, AND TO PERPETUATE THE GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF THAT REGIMENT.

1 *Whereas*, The commonwealth of Massachusetts
2 honors the faithful services of her sons who formed a
3 part of the land and sea forces of the United States
4 in suppressing the War of the Rebellion, maintaining
5 the integrity of the nation and Union of States, and
6 emancipating a race of people from slavery; and

7 *Whereas*, Among her sons was Colonel Thomas
8 Cass, organizer and first commander of the ninth regi-
9 ment of infantry, Massachusetts Volunteers, who gave
10 his life in defence of the flag, and whose regiment
11 established a record of gallantry and devotion to duty;
12 and

13 *Whereas*, The glorious traditions of that regiment
14 have been exemplified in times of peace and in times
15 of national peril in the Spanish-American War, on

16 Mexican border service, and in World Wars I and II
17 by the valiant successors of the original regiment,
18 namely, the ninth regiment of infantry, Massachusetts
19 Volunteer Militia, the ninth regiment of Massachusetts
20 infantry, United States Volunteers, the ninth regiment
21 of infantry, Massachusetts National Guard, the one
22 hundred and first regiment of infantry, United States
23 Army, and the one hundred and first regiment of
24 Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard; therefore,
25 in testimony of the people's gratitude for their patriot-
26 ism and services rendered to state and nation, be it
27 *Resolved*, That for the purpose of providing a suit-
28 able commemoration of Colonel Thomas Cass and the
29 officers and men of the ninth regiment of infantry,
30 Massachusetts Volunteers, a mural, entitled "Colonel
31 Thomas Cass of the Ninth Regiment of Infantry,
32 Massachusetts Volunteers, receiving the State Colors
33 from Governor John A. Andrew, June the twenty-fifth,
34 eighteen hundred and sixty-one", be placed in the
35 large wall space north of the main entrance to the
36 office of the secretary of the commonwealth, room
37 three hundred and thirty-three, and extending to room
38 three hundred and thirty-four on the third floor of
39 the state house, with appropriate reference to the per-
40 petuation of the glorious traditions of that regiment
41 by its valiant successors. For this purpose, such sum,
42 not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, as may here-
43 after be appropriated, may be expended by a commis-
44 sion to consist of five persons appointed by the gov-
45 ernor who shall, together with the art commission of
46 the commonwealth, arrange therefor and who shall,
47 subject to the approval of the said art commission,
48 select this site within the state house for such mural
49 decoration.