

HOUSE No. 2405

By Mr. O'Neill of Cambridge, petition of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Chester A. Dolan, Jr., Robert F. Murphy, Harris S. Richardson and Charles Gibbons for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the people of the Commonwealth to help the Boston Children's Hospital building fund campaign. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS TO HELP IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER BUILDING FUND.

1 *Whereas*, The world-famous Children's Hospital of
2 Boston, a unique and distinctively Massachusetts
3 institution, is observing its eightieth anniversary in
4 this year of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and is
5 campaigning to expand its facilities with a great,
6 new Children's Medical Center; and

7 *Whereas*, Massachusetts may be justly proud of the
8 Boston Children's Hospital, which is at once a tradi-
9 tion and heritage of the commonwealth, and has
10 contributed substantially to making Massachusetts a
11 foremost medical center of the world — through de-
12 velopment of outstanding surgical techniques, research
13 and medical instruction, resulting in the saving of
14 lives of countless thousands of children; and

15 *Whereas*, This Massachusetts institution has saved
16 and benefited children everywhere by providing the
17 first and only general hospital for children in the
18 United States, the first clinic in infant feeding, the
19 first cardiac clinic for children, the first successful
20 surgery on the heart of a child, and the first cancer
21 center for children; and

22 *Whereas*, This institution of so many “firsts” in
23 surgery and medicine has trained nurses, physicians,
24 and surgeons from all over the world to carry on this
25 work of saving sick and crippled children; and

26 *Whereas*, Expansion of this distinctive Massachu-
27 setts institution must be realized if the demands of
28 helpless children, now in excess of facilities to provide
29 for them, are to be met; therefore be it

30 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts
31 regards the Boston Children’s Hospital as a foremost
32 asset of the commonwealth, and its proposal to expand
33 as a vital necessity; and that the hospital has saved
34 the people of Massachusetts many millions of dollars
35 over the past three quarters of a century, by giving a
36 tremendous service to our people that they would not
37 otherwise have been able to afford; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the people of Massachusetts be and
39 hereby are memorialized, each and severally, to help
40 in every way possible the building fund campaign of
41 the Boston Children’s Hospital, to the end that this
42 institution, unique among philanthropic endeavors
43 and completely a Massachusetts contribution to the
44 future and welfare of children everywhere, may con-
45 tinue, without handicap, its work of saving our
46 greatest asset — our children.