

By Mr. Cohen of Andover (by request), petition of Karl Haartz for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt a statement that brings into focus an outline for reliable guidance in the sphere of preparation for security against foreign danger. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT A STATEMENT THAT BRINGS INTO FOCUS AN OUTLINE FOR RELIABLE GUIDANCE IN THE SPHERE OF PREPARATION FOR SECURITY AGAINST FOREIGN DANGER.

1 *Resolved*, That the General Court of Massachusetts respect-
2 fully urges The Congress of The United States in its essaying of
3 proposals concerning policy, programs and prospects of the
4 Department of Defense to adopt and then to be guided by this
5 concept:

6 "The force necessary for defense cannot be limited by those
7 who cannot limit the force of offence. If a Federal Constitution or
8 people otherwise united could chain the ambition or set bounds
9 to the build-up of all other nations, then might it prudently
10 restrict the discretion of its own government, and set bounds to
11 the exertions for its own safety.

12 "A readiness for defense in time of peace cannot be prohibited
13 unless we could prohibit, in like manner, the preparations and
14 establishments of every hostile nation. Accordingly, the means of
15 security can only be regulated by the means and the danger of
16 attack. They will, in fact, be ever determined by these rules, and
17 no others.

18 "And further; that America united in Liberty with but few
19 defenses presents a more forbidding posture to foreign ambition
20 than an America (as now) disunited and separated by Liberty's
21 counterfeit, Privilege under law, even tho she has millions of
22 soldiers ready for combat."

23 This will remain reliable guidance so long as people are inclined
24 to unity under Liberty but to separateness under the influence of
25 Liberty's counterfeit, Privilege under law, which is a growing
26 political disease of our time. And further be it

27 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent forthwith by
28 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the
29 United States, to the presiding officer of each House of Congress,
30 to the Senators and Representatives from this Commonwealth
31 and to those of the 49 Associated States and, to each public
32 library and each school library in this Commonwealth.