

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of James Maunsell, Raymond L. Flynn, Marie E. Howe and John F. Melia for adoption of resolutions by the House of Representatives memorializing the Congress of the United States to recognize the contributions of the Irish people to our nation. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE IRISH PEOPLE TO OUR NATION.

1 *Whereas*, Recognizing the many contributions of men and
2 women of Irish blood to the building of our great Nation and to the
3 Cause of Freedom everywhere since the earliest times; and

4 *Whereas*, Recognizing the fact that Ireland is artificially
5 partitioned against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the
6 Irish people; and

7 *Whereas*, Recognizing that Irish people in the six-county area
8 known as "northern Ireland" are denied basic civil and human
9 rights, and are unable to obtain adequate protection from attack or
10 equal justice under law; and

11 *Whereas*, The explosive situation in "northern Ireland" is an
12 unreasonable threat to the peace and is therefore the legitimate
13 concern of all men; and

14 *Whereas*, It is in the best interests of the United States that there
15 be a just and equitable solution to this problem; and

16 *Whereas*, For humanitarian reasons, as well as out of respect for
17 the principles of freedom, liberty, justice, natural law, and history,
18 we hereby take notice of the deplorable state of affairs in Ireland;
19 therefore be it

20 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives
21 memorializes and petitions the Congress of the United States to
22 express the opinion that Irish people ought to be permitted to
23 exercise the right of national self-determination thus returning the
24 disputed six counties to the Irish Republic, unless a clear majority
25 of all the people of Ireland in a free and open plebiscite, determine
26 to the contrary; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent forthwith by
28 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the presiding officer of each
29 branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this
30 Commonwealth, to the President and Vice-President of the United
31 States and the Secretary of State.