

By Mr. Cohen of Brookline, petition of Beryl W. Cohen for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation establishing a national cemetery for veterans within the Commonwealth. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO ENACT LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR
VETERANS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Whereas, The General Court of Massachusetts urges upon the Congress of the United States the importance of keeping alive the memory of our veterans, who fought and died for the freedom and independence which we enjoy today; and

Whereas, A fitting resting place should be provided for these heroes within the Commonwealth in an area where the rights of free men were born; and

Whereas, There are ninety national cemeteries, but none are located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, There are over eight hundred thousand deceased veterans entitled to burial in a national cemetery; and

Whereas, It is a great hardship for residents of the Commonwealth to travel great distances to visit national cemeteries on Memorial Day and at other times; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact such legislation as may be necessary to establish a national cemetery for veterans within the Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent forthwith by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress, and to each of the members thereof from this Commonwealth.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1864

AND

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES