

HOUSE No. 4988

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Mary Vahey for adoption of resolutions by the Massachusetts House of Representatives urging the United States government to protest the present political division of Ireland. Rules (House).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS PROTESTING THE PRESENT POLITICAL DIVISION OF IRELAND.

1 *Whereas*, The present political division of Ireland is not in
2 keeping with the principles of self-determination and is not
3 based on the racial, economic or historical background of the
4 people of Ireland; and

5 *Whereas*, The Republic of Ireland should embrace the entire
6 territory unless a clear majority of the people of Ireland in a
7 free plebiscite determine and declare to the contrary; and

8 *Whereas*, This approach to the problem of a united Ireland is
9 entirely in keeping with the free democratic ideals and princi-
10 ples of our own democracy and all free nations of the world;
11 and

12 *Whereas*, Ireland from the very beginning of our own be-
13 loved country through tremendous hardships and adversity has
14 always been a staunch and unflinching friend of America; and

15 *Whereas*, The current Northern Ireland movement is aimed at
16 securing equality for all in local government, voting and public
17 housing, at ending property ownership requirements to vote
18 and at terminating discrimination in public housing allocation
19 by local officials; therefore be it

20 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives
21 hereby urges the United States Government to use its good
22 graces and attempt to assist in bringing about a peaceful solu-
23 tion to the Northern Ireland problem presently plaguing the
24 Irish people and thereby lay the foundation for uniting this

25 great nation under one flag; and be it further

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