

HOUSE No. 3488

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Raymond L. Flynn and Marie E. Howe 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-Five.

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
- 3 the 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
- 6 the 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
- 10 or 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
- 15 there be a just and equitable solution to this problem; and
- 16 *Whereas*, For humanitarian reasons, as well as out of respect
- 17 for the principles of freedom, liberty, justice, natural law, and
- 18 history, we hereby take notice of the deplorable state of affairs
- 19 in Ireland; 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
24 the disputed six counties to the Irish Republic, unless a clear
25 majority of all the people of Ireland in a free and open
26 plebiscite, determine to the contrary; and be it further

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