

# SENATE . . . . . No. 404

By Mr. Rosenberg (by request), a petition (accompanied by resolutions, Senate, No. 404) of Meryl Nass for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to lift the embargo on humanitarian aid, food and medicines to Cuba. Federal Financial Assistance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON HUMANITARIAN AID, FOOD AND MEDICINES TO CUBA.

- 1     *Whereas*, The cold war has ended; and
- 2     *Whereas*, Cuba no longer has a foreign military presence, has
- 3 reduced its military troops and is no longer a threat to the United
- 4 States; and
- 5     *Whereas*, For over thirty years the United States has promoted
- 6 and enforced an economic embargo against Cuba; and restrictions,
- 7 particularly regarding food and medicines; and
- 8     *Whereas*, The United Nations General Assembly condemned
- 9 the United States' embargo of Cuba in November 1992; and
- 10    *Whereas*, Since the collapse of the Soviet Bloc, crop failures,
- 11 damage from Hurricane Andrew, and the tightening of the United
- 12 States' embargo, the Cuban people have suffered nutritional depri-
- 13 vation resulting in disease, particularly an epidemic of blindness
- 14 and peripheral neuropathy affecting over 40,000 people, hereto-
- 15 fore unknown in Cuba; and
- 16    *Whereas*, There has been increasing cooperation between Cuba
- 17 and the United States, as exemplified by the United States Centers
- 18 for Disease Control's investigation of Cuba's epidemic of blind-
- 19 ness, and by September 1993 capture and extradition of United
- 20 States drug smugglers caught in Cuban waters; therefore be it
- 21    *Resolved*, That the General Court of Massachusetts respect-
- 22 fully urges the President and the Congress of the United States to
- 23 immediately lift the Cuban embargo for humanitarian aid, food
- 24 and medicine; and be it further

25     *Resolved*, That copies of these Resolutions be transmitted by  
26 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the President of the United  
27 States, to the presiding officer of each branch of the Congress, and  
28 to each member thereof from this Commonwealth.