

By Mr. Downey of Brockton, petition of Joseph H. Downey for adoption of resolutions memorializing Congress in favor of the Townsend Plan of old age pensions. Constitutional Law.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six.

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Resolutions that the Congress of the United States be memorialized in Favor of the Townsend Plan of Old Age Pensions.

1 *Whereas*, Proper and adequate assistance to aged  
2 persons in this State and Nation and in this Common-  
3 wealth is one of the most vital and necessary problems  
4 of our Nation at the present time, and public senti-  
5 ment in this Commonwealth has manifested itself  
6 strongly in favor of this Townsend Plan of Old Age  
7 Pensions, and there is an immediate need for the  
8 passage and enactment of this legislation; therefore  
9 be it

10 *Resolved*, That the General Court of Massachusetts  
11 urges upon the Congress of the United States the enact-  
12 ment of legislation based upon the so called Townsend  
13 Plan for Old Age Pensions and endorses such a plan  
14 as being just and meritorious in caring for our aged  
15 citizens.

16 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
17 forthwith forward copies of these resolutions to the  
18 presiding officers of both branches of Congress and to  
19 the members from this State.

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