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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON

FOR B DAVENPORT FROM M BURKE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT OF JOINT RESOLUTION AS PROMISED.

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December 4, 1985

99th Congress
1st Session

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Russell (for himself,

) submitted the following
concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending the Government of Ireland and the Government of the
United Kingdom for reaching agreement on measures which will
lay the foundation for a just, durable, and peaceful solution
to the problems of Northern Ireland.

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Whereas all peace-loving people desire a just and lasting solution to the problems of Northern Ireland;

Whereas violence and terrorism in Northern Ireland and all those who support it should be strongly condemned, and the effort to achieve peace and reconciliation through political means should be supported;

Whereas the report of the New Ireland Forum of May 2, 1984, which condemned violence and those who support it, made an important contribution to the Anglo-Irish negotiations over the past year;

Whereas the Prime Ministers of Ireland and the United Kingdom signed an agreement in Hillsborough, Northern Ireland, on November 15, 1985, which provides a basis for progress towards peace, stability, and an end to violence in Northern Ireland;

Whereas this agreement provides for an unprecedented role for the Government of Ireland in relation to Northern Ireland;

Whereas this agreement affirms that any change in the status of Northern Ireland would only come about with the consent of the majority of the people of Northern Ireland;

Whereas this agreement declares that, if in the future a majority of the people of Northern Ireland clearly wish for and formally consent to the establishment of a united Ireland,

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the Governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom will introduce and support in the respective Parliaments legislation to give effect to that wish;

Whereas the agreement envisages the possibility of securing international support to promote the economic and social development of those areas of both parts of Ireland which have suffered most severely from the consequences of violence of recent years;

Whereas the Parliaments of Ireland and the United Kingdom have given their solemn and respectful approval to this historic agreement;

Whereas on August 30, 1977, President Carter stated that in the event of a peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland, "the U.S. Government would be prepared to join with others to see how additional job-creating investment could be encouraged to the benefit of all the people in Northern Ireland";

Whereas on November 15, 1985, President Reagan stated that "I will be working closely with the Congress in a bipartisan effort to find tangible ways for the United States to lend practical support to this important agreement"; and

Whereas this agreement should be supported by all those who seek peace, stability, and an end to violence in Northern Ireland and the reconciliation of the two major traditions in Ireland: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
2 concurring). That (a) the Congress commends the Government of
3 Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom for their
4 achievement in reaching an agreement which charts a way
5 towards peace, stability, and an end to violence in Northern
6 Ireland.

7 (b) The Congress declares its willingness to work with
8 the President in supporting the Anglo-Irish agreement through
9 appropriate United States assistance, including economic and
10 financial support, to promote the economic and social
11 development of those areas of both parts of Ireland which
12 have suffered most severely from the consequences of the
13 violence of recent years.

14 Sec. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
15 transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the
16 President.