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Concerning the appointment of a special envoy to Northern Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the appointment of a special envoy to Northern Ireland.

Whereas the list of human rights abuses involving the British Government is lengthy and well documented as evidenced by recent reports from the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Amnesty International, and the International Helsinki Watch Committee;

Whereas 40 people have been killed since the beginning of the year, the highest death rate attributable to political strife in Northern Ireland since 1975;

Whereas the violence will only continue to escalate unless meaningful, all-inclusive peace talks are initiated by the British Government to address the conflict in Northern Ireland;

Whereas there has been a long standing and warm alliance between the United States and Great Britain which has been a source of stability and comfort to the people of both nations, especially during this time of rapidly shifting international alliances;

Whereas the political and judicial principles which guide the Nation today, including safeguards painstakingly hewn from the British Magna Carta, urgently compel us to speak out against inequity and abuse no matter where in the world it occurs;

Whereas America's unending commitment to fairness and decency does not distinguish between friend and enemy, criminal or prosecutor, and the American covenant of democracy commits us to protest any wrongdoing and confront any injustice;

Whereas the turmoil and bloodshed will not come to an end until the British authorities, including the military and security forces, are prepared to protect and defend the human rights of all the people of Northern Ireland;

Whereas the United States has taken an active leadership role to encourage peace in the conflict between Iraq and Kuwait, the civil conflict in El Salvador, the conflict between Israel and her neighbors, and elsewhere in the world, but has failed to assume a similar role in the conflict in the north of Ireland; and

Whereas as an ally and a friend, the United States has a unique opportunity to insist that Great Britain adhere to recognized standards of international law in Northern Ireland, and as a leading power in the world community, the United States has a special responsibility to do so:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3 President should appoint a special envoy who will be per-
4 sonally and actively involved in bringing about a solution
5 to the present conflict in Northern Ireland, including en-
6 couraging and facilitating negotiations among all parties
7 to the conflict who agree to end the use of violence.

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