

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SALVATORE, McMONAGLE AND WESTON, MARCH 15, 1983

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 21, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting Congress to conduct an investigation into the
2 activities of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization
3 relating to Michael O'Rourke.

4 WHEREAS, Michael O'Rourke arrived in the United States of
5 America in February 1978 from the Republic of Ireland; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael O'Rourke lived peacefully in Philadelphia
7 for 21 months and married an American citizen in mid 1979; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael O'Rourke was arrested on October 30, 1979
9 and charged with overstaying his visa; and

10 WHEREAS, Since his arrest, Michael O'Rourke has been in
11 continuous detention, held without bail, AND THE EVIDENCE <—

12 INDICATES HE HAS BEEN denied access to an attorney, denied
13 visitors and otherwise subject to severe harassment; and

14 WHEREAS, The public record involving Michael O'Rourke before
15 the Federal courts and the Bureau of Immigration and

16 Naturalization ~~is replete with instances of~~ INDICATES the denial <—
17 of the most basic of civil rights; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully request the Congress
2 of the United States to begin an immediate investigation of the
3 actions and activities of the Bureau of Immigration and
4 Naturalization in the case of Michael O'Rourke; and
5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
7 United States to STAY DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS PENDING CONCLUSION <—
8 OF THE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BUREAU OF
9 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION HAS VIOLATED ACCEPTABLE
10 PROCEDURES IN THEIR DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS OF MICHAEL O'ROURKE
11 AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS A POLITICAL PRISONER AND grant
12 Mr. O'Rourke political asylum, immunity from deportation and
13 United States Citizenship IF THE CONGRESS FINDS SUCH VIOLATIONS, <—
14 OR FINDS MR. O'ROURKE TO BE A POLITICAL PRISONER, AND TO DIRECT
15 FULL AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE INVESTIGATION; and be it
16 further
17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
19 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.