
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PERZEL, GANNON, McMONAGLE, McCALL, SALVATORE,
BROWN, GRAY, CAWLEY AND WOGAN, OCTOBER 13, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 13, 1981

In the House of Representatives, October 13, 1981

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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, Since his arrest, Michael O'Rourke has been in
8 continuous detention, held without bail, denied access to an
9 attorney, denied visitors and otherwise subject to severe
10 harassment; and

11 WHEREAS, The public record involving Michael O'Rourke before
12 the Federal courts and the Bureau of Immigration and
13 Naturalization is replete with instances of the denial of the
14 most basic of civil rights; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully request the Congress
17 of the United States to begin an immediate investigation of the

1 actions and activities of the Bureau of Immigration and
2 Naturalization in the case of Michael O'Rourke; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit, upon approval, copies of this
6 resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
7 the President pro tempore of the Senate of the Congress of the
8 United States and to each member of the Pennsylvania
9 Congressional delegation.