

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges U.S. Homeland Security Secretary to grant political asylum to Malachy McAllister.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Homeland Security
2 Secretary Michael Chertoff to grant political asylum to Malachy
3 McAllister and his family, and to suspend their deportation
4 proceedings indefinitely.

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6 **WHEREAS**, Malachy McAllister, a well-known supporter of the Irish
7 Nationalist movement in Belfast, and his family fled Northern
8 Ireland fearing for their lives after 26 shots were fired into their
9 home; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Malachy McAllister and his family settled in the United
11 States and made their home in New Jersey, believing that they were
12 attacked in Northern Ireland because of their political beliefs and
13 would be attacked again should they be forced to return; and

14 **WHEREAS**, After living as model citizens in the United States for
15 several years and engaging in extensive court proceedings to gain
16 political asylum and American citizenship, in November of 2003,
17 the McAllister family received deportation orders calling for their
18 return to Northern Ireland; and

19 **WHEREAS**, The United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals recently
20 decided against the McAllister family's plea for asylum stating it
21 was bound by draconian legislation and in a sympathetic opinion
22 implored the Attorney General to permit the McAllister's to stay;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, Under the asylum provisions of United States immigration
25 law (8 U.S.C. s.1158) America has been a safe haven for those who
26 can prove that they will face persecution in their homeland as a
27 result of their political or religious views; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
30 Jersey:

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32 1. This House respectfully urges Homeland Security Secretary
33 Michael Chertoff to intervene in the case against Malachy
34 McAllister to grant political asylum to him and his family, and to
35 suspend their deportation proceedings indefinitely.

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37 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the
38 Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof,
39 shall be transmitted to United States Homeland Security Secretary
40 Michael Chertoff.

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STATEMENT

45 This resolution urges Homeland Security Secretary Michael
46 Chertoff to intervene in the case of Malachy McAllister to grant
47 political asylum to him and his family, and to suspend their
48 deportation proceedings indefinitely. In 1988, the McAllister

1 family came to the United States after 26 shots were fired on their
2 Northern Ireland home. Malachy McAllister, a well-known
3 supporter of the Irish Nationalist movement in Belfast, believes he
4 and his family were attacked because of their political beliefs and
5 are likely to be attacked again should they be forced to return to
6 Northern Ireland.