

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 75

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the Congress and the President of the  
2 United States to review the status of persons associated with the Irish  
3 republican movement who are imprisoned in, or facing deportation from,  
4 the United States.

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6 WHEREAS, Numerous persons associated with the Irish republican movement  
7 are currently imprisoned in the United States in connection with charges  
8 related to the conflict in Northern Ireland; and

9 WHEREAS, Many of these individuals were subjected to inhumane treatment  
10 and convicted under questionable circumstances in Northern Ireland; and

11 WHEREAS, Many other persons with connections to the Irish republican  
12 movement are facing deportation from the United States, despite having  
13 resided peacefully here for extended periods of time; and

14 WHEREAS, Recent positive developments, including a cease-fire and a  
15 meeting between President Clinton and officials of Sinn Fein, the political  
16 branch of the Irish Republican Army, have raised hopes for a lasting peace  
17 in Northern Ireland; and

18 WHEREAS, A complete review of the status of the individuals described  
19 above with the goal of granting amnesty or permanent residency, in  
20 appropriate cases, is necessary in the interest of justice and may help to  
21 facilitate the peace process; now, therefore,

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

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25 1. The Congress and the President of the United States are urged to  
26 review the status of persons associated with the Irish republican movement  
27 who are imprisoned in, or facing deportation from, the United States with the  
28 goal of granting amnesty or permanent residency, in appropriate cases.

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30 2. Copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General  
31 Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the  
32 President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the  
33 Speaker of the House of Representatives and every member of Congress  
34 elected thereto from this State.

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This resolution urges the Congress and President of the United States to review the status of persons associated with the Irish republican movement who are imprisoned in, or facing deportation from, the United States with the goal of granting amnesty or permanent residency in appropriate cases. A review of these cases is necessary in the interest of justice and may help to facilitate the peace process.

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Urges Congress and President to review status of persons associated with the Irish republican movement who are imprisoned in, or facing deportation from, the United States.