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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the English rule of  
6 Northern Ireland.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS for centuries England has interfered in the internal affairs of  
9 Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS the people and the government of the United States have tradi-  
11 tionally been and are today opposed to all forms of colonialism; and

12 WHEREAS English colonialism has been marked by centuries of unjustified  
13 interference in Irish affairs, by the needless affliction of grave injustices  
14 on the long-suffering Irish people, and by the unjustified partition of  
15 Ireland through the establishment of Northern Ireland as part of the United  
16 Kingdom in violation of the fundamental right of the Irish to self-determina-  
17 tion; and

18 WHEREAS General Oliver Cromwell was responsible for the slaughter of  
19 thousands of Irish because they had the courage to fight for independence  
20 and peace; and

21 WHEREAS the recent death of the Irish patriot Bobby Sands indicates  
22 that this slaughter continues; and

23 WHEREAS the British Government chooses to ignore the pleas of the  
24 Irish for justice and the right to self-government; and

25 WHEREAS the United States of America has welcomed with open arms mil-  
26 lions of Irish immigrants who have fled English oppression and tyranny; and

27 WHEREAS the United States maintains strong cultural, historical, and  
28 emotional ties to the Irish people; and

29 WHEREAS the United States government has become involved in the current

1 civil war in El Salvador, yet ignores the long-standing conflict in Northern  
2 Ireland; and

3 WHEREAS the United Nations has been ineffective in seeking an end to  
4 the turmoil in Northern Ireland;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of  
6 the United States to demand that the British Government leave Ireland and  
7 let the Irish resolve their own problems; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urged to  
9 demand that the British Government make restitution to the Irish people for  
10 the thousands of injustices that the English have committed; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urged to  
12 freeze all British assets in the United States, including all British assets  
13 located in the State of Alaska, until restitution is made; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urged to  
15 break all diplomatic relations and to terminate all business agreements and  
16 military alliances with the United Kingdom; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States is urged to  
18 provide military assistance in the form of advisors and weapons to the Irish  
19 so that they may throw off the bonds of English tyranny.

20 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Kurt Waldheim,  
21 Secretary General of the United Nations; to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,  
22 President of the United States; to the Honorable Margaret Thatcher, Prime  
23 Minister of the United Kingdom; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the  
24 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
25 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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