



The North Carolina State Board Resolution

Assembled in Convention this 23rd day of July, 2005 in Charlotte, North Carolina the Ancient Order of Hibernians State Board for North Carolina together with Officers and Members in good standing from Hibernian Divisions in Wake, Buncombe, Mecklenburg, Guilford and New Hanover Counties.

Whereas, In 1988 Brother Malachy McAllister and his family were forced to flee their home in Belfast in the North of Ireland following a harrowing assassination attempt by loyalist paramilitaries during which over 26 rounds from an AK47 were fired into their home, narrowly missing the McAllister children and Grandmother.

Whereas, the Northern Ireland security forces advised Brother McAllister that he and his family were on a loyalist death squad “hit list” because of his religion (Roman Catholic) and his Nationalistic beliefs and past activism.

Whereas, the McAllister family have suffered from blatant sectarianism because of their religious and political beliefs culminating in an attempt on their lives.

Whereas, the security forces of Northern Ireland were unable or unwilling to protect the McAllister family in the face of documented threats which continue today as evidenced by the January, 2004 email sent to the Irish Echo newspaper from a loyalist paramilitary group threatening “next time we won’t miss”, should the McAllisters be returned to Northern Ireland.

Whereas, in order to assure his family's safety and provide a living environment free from fear and oppression Mr. McAllister sought asylum in the United States. The Immigration Court originally granted political asylum to Mrs. Bernadette McAllister and their children finding that they had suffered severe past persecution because of their political beliefs. Malachy McAllister was denied asylum because of his past involvement in Nationalist activist activities as a young man during the 1980's; for which offenses he served time in prison and was subsequently released.

Whereas, in a controversial decision the Board of Immigration Appeals rescinded the asylum order and the McAllister family is currently facing deportation. This ruling is currently under review by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

Whereas, Mr. McAllister has been a model citizen since his arrival in this country and has been a contributing member of the community, and as a return to Northern Ireland would place the McAllisters in extreme jeopardy and as providing asylum for the oppressed has long been a tradition in this country and is rooted in our heritage as Americans.

Be it hereby resolved that the North Carolina State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Buncombe, Guilford, Mecklenburg, New Hanover and Wake Counties, North Carolina fully support Brother Malachy McAllister and his family in their quest to escape oppression and live in freedom and security of life in the United States of America.

Further we call upon the Secretary of Homeland Security to rescind any orders of removal or deportation for any and all members of the McAllister family and that permanent residency status be granted Malachy McAllister and his family.

Further we call on the members of the 109th Congress of the United States from the State of North Carolina to support and lend your good offices to the cause of the McAllisters. Particularly we urge you to support the Rothman Bill which would grant permanent legal status to Malachy McAllister and his family and to become signatories to the King /Rothman Congressional sign-on letter to the Homeland Security

Secretary requesting suspension of deportation proceedings against the McAllister family.

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