

RESOLUTION in support of Lithuania's declaration of independence

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS:

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2. The United States has never recognized the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union;
3. On February 24, 1990, the people of Lithuania held the first democratic, multi-party elections in more than half a century;
4. On March 11, 1990, the newly elected Lithuanian parliament reaffirmed the independence of the Republic of Lithuania;
5. The Soviet Government has not yet recognized and condemns the action of the Lithuanian Parliament in declaring Lithuanian independent;
6. The Soviet Government has undertaken action, including staging military maneuvers, ordering Soviet military units to assert more active and visible control over Lithuanian borders, installations and properties, and the violent abduction of citizens of Lithuania, in an apparent attempt to intimidate the Lithuanian Parliament and people.

RESOLVED by the City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, that:

1. The Lithuanian people should be commended for their courage and perseverance in reaffirming the independence of the Republic of Lithuania, and in asserting their right to self-determination peacefully and through the democratic process;
2. The City Council and the citizens of the City of Cambridge strongly and unequivocally support the right of the people of Lithuania to independence and democracy;
3. The Soviet Union should immediately cease all such efforts to intimidate the Lithuanian Parliament and people;
4. The Soviet Union should immediately begin good faith negotiations with the Lithuanian authorities to satisfy peacefully the confirmed desire of the Lithuanian people for independence;
5. Support the President of the United States' strong commitment to the doctrine of non-recognition of the forced incorporation of territory, such as occurred in the Baltic states in 1940, and urges the President to immediately reaffirm his commitment to an independent and democratic Lithuania and seek ways to actively demonstrate that commitment;
6. Urges the President of the United States, the Senate and House of Representatives to immediately accord full diplomatic status to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.
7. Copies of this resolution will be sent to President George Bush; to Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry; to Congressman Joseph Kennedy.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 2, 1990

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR WOLF
VICE-MAYOR REEVES
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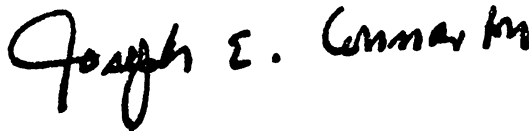
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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Entire membership resolutions on Lithuania.

In City Council,

April 2, 1990

ORDER ADOPTED