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Secretary of the Commonwealth

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES BY PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE DIRECT POPULAR ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, The national election of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight has once again demonstrated the dangerous potentialities for deadlock inherent in the Electoral College system; and

Whereas, The Electoral College system is archaic, obsolete and undemocratic; and

Whereas, The Electoral College system does not offer full realization of the one-man, one-vote doctrine in national elections; and

Whereas, The abolition of the Electoral College system will result in bringing the voters, the ultimate source of all electoral power, directly into the process of electing a President and Vice President of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to support an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which will provide for the abolition of the Electoral College system and its replacement by the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; and be it further

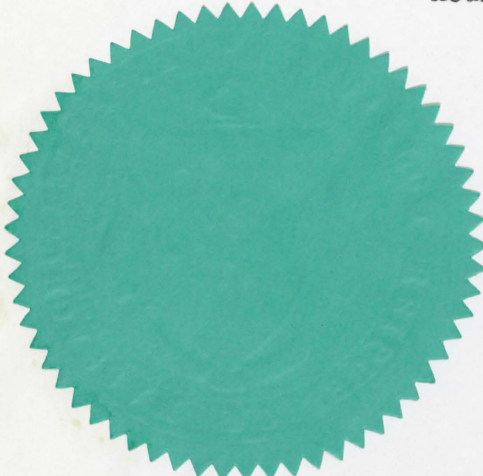
Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the State Secretary to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to each member thereof from the Commonwealth.

Senate, adopted, April 28, 1969.

NORMAN L. PIDGEON, Clerk.

House of Representatives, adopted in concurrence, April 30, 1969.

WALLACE C. MILLS, Clerk.



A true copy.

Attest:

John F. X. Davoren
JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.