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H. RES. 132

Recognizing the historical significance of the sacrifices made by the Irish Republican hunger strikers of 1981 and the subsequent political impact their actions had on the Northern Ireland peace process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4 (legislative day, MAY 3), 2001

Mr. CAPUANO (for himself, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. KING, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in a hunger strike in 1981, Irish Republicans Bobby Sands, Francis Hughes, Ray McCreesh, Patsy O'Hara, Joe McDonnell, Martin Hurson, Kevin Lynch, Kieran Doherty, Thomas McElwee, and Michael Devine sacrificed their lives to bring world attention to the plight of Irish Republicans in the H-Block in Long Kesh Prison in Northern Ireland;

Whereas the hunger strikers were protesting the conditions of the British prison system in which they were being held

and the loss by Irish Republican prisoners of the right to political status;

Whereas Irish Republican prisoners were subjected to repeated beatings, interrogation, sleep deprivation, and other forms of torture, without being convicted of any crime in a jury trial;

Whereas Irish Republican female prisoners being held in Armagh in Northern Ireland were not allowed to hunger strike, but were equally committed to the Republican cause;

Whereas the hunger strikers brought world attention to the political landscape of the Northern Ireland struggle; and

Whereas in April 1981 before dying, the leader of the hunger strikers, Bobby Sands, was elected to the United Kingdom Parliament: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the historical significance of the sacrifices made by
3 the Irish Republican hunger strikers of 1981 and the sub-
4 sequent political impact their actions had on the Northern
5 Ireland peace process.

