

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Rice**

H.R. 1025

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 DECLARING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSITION TO
9 RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

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11 **Subtitle**

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15 *WHEREAS, we are mindful of the struggles of our forefathers to preserve*
16 *freedom and equality for all; and*

17 *WHEREAS, we recognize that every person has a responsibility to do what*
18 *he or she can to insure that full human rights are obtained for all people and*
19 *that religious discrimination is abolished; and*

20 *WHEREAS, Northern Ireland is a sectarian state in which the rights of*
21 *the Irish Catholic minority have been severely restricted, particularly in*
22 *terms of equal employment opportunities, for the past sixty-five (65) years;*
23 *and*

24 *WHEREAS, the result of this religious discrimination has been an*
25 *unemployment rate for the Catholic population which is more than twice that of*
26 *the Protestant population of Northern Ireland; and*

27 *WHEREAS, Dr. Sean MacBride, distinguished Irish statesman, Nobel Peace*
28 *Prize Laureate, and founder of Amnesty International, has authored the so-*
29 *called MacBride Principles, aimed at reducing employment discrimination in*
30 *firms doing business in Northern Ireland; and*

31 *WHEREAS, the violence in Northern Ireland continues to be a*
32 *destabilizing influence to not only that country, but to the entire world; and*

33 *WHEREAS, Northern Ireland's rejection of human rights and its*
34 *aggressive military activities continue to defy world opinion;*

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1 NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 that it hereby declares its opposition to religious discrimination that is
6 presently occurring in Northern Ireland.

7 */s/Rep. Rice*

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