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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 848

House of Representatives, February 23, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**RESOLVE, Providing Funds for Shalom House, Inc., a Halfway House
in Portland.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Appropriation. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to Shalom House, Inc., a halfway house in Portland, the sum of \$20,000 to aid in the exterior restoration and renovation of the building known as Shalom House, which offers patients returning from mental institutions an opportunity to reintegrate gradually into society.

With the restoration and renovation, the continuing destruction of Shalom House due to the effects of weather will be prevented. Without this restoration and renovation, 18 mentally disturbed persons will be evacuated without any proper habitation.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Shalom House is a facility for aftercare during the period of transition from institutionalization in a mental hospital to a complete adjustment and rehabilitation to life in the community. Shalom House is also designed for those who suffer unusual mental stress and need, not hospitalization, but a home away from home to gather a new perspective on themselves.

Shalom House is located at 90 High Street, Portland, Maine. The interior of the house has been renovated to comply with all fire and safety regulations and is presently serving from 12 to 15 residents at any one time.

The house has been designated as an important example of the architecture of its historical period, and as a significant part of the historic Park-Pleasant Street neighborhood in Portland.

A sum of \$20,000 is sought from the State of Maine. This would be a non-recurring grant to complete renovation of the building, and would not be used for operating expenses.