

HOUSE No. 186

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the misclassification and misdiagnosis of former residents of the Fernald state school.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 382 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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THE FERNALD STATE SCHOOL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 RESOLVED, That a special commission, to consist of 3 members of the senate, 3 members of the
2 house of representatives, the commissioner of mental retardation or his designee and 4 members to be
3 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Fernald League is hereby establish for the
4 purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the misclassification and misdiagnosis of former
5 residents of the Fernald State School. Said investigation and study shall include, but not be limited to the
6 extent and effect of such misclassifications, reparations for the denial of education and labor performed
7 and the providing of counseling for former residents.

8 Said commission shall report to the house of representatives the results of its investigation and study, and
9 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations
10 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before Jan 1,2009.