

House Resolution 11 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution commemorating St. Patrick's Day and
2 the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement
3 between most political parties in Northern Ireland
4 and the British and Irish governments.

5 WHEREAS, the annual celebration of the Feast of St.
6 Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, falls on March 17
7 each year, and Irish Americans join all people of all
8 ethnic backgrounds who, for one day, become Irish and
9 celebrate St. Patrick and the love of Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS, all who wear the green on St. Patrick's
11 Day live for a day in the spirit of St. Patrick, St.
12 Brigid, and St. Colmcille, the national saints of
13 Ireland; and

14 WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to the United States
15 helped form the cultural foundation of the nation and
16 those of Irish lineage today proudly claim support for
17 Ireland; and

18 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement acknowledges
19 the right of differing political traditions to
20 pursue either remaining part of the United Kingdom or
21 supporting Irish unity; and

22 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement demonstrated
23 democratic and peaceful means of resolving
24 differences; and

25 WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the
26 United States came together to support the Good Friday
27 Agreement; and

28 WHEREAS, we celebrate the establishment of the

1 American Irish State Legislators Caucus with the aim
2 of fostering and strengthening the long-standing
3 relationship that exists between the United States and
4 Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries; NOW
5 THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
7 the House of Representatives commemorates St. Patrick's
8 Day and the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday
9 Agreement, and recognizes the cultural significance
10 of Irish immigration to the United States, proclaims
11 support for Ireland, and joins with all people in
12 celebrating St. Patrick's Day; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
14 Representatives authorizes and directs a copy of this
15 resolution be sent to Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the
16 Senate of Ireland, and the national chairpersons of the
17 American Irish State Legislators Caucus.