

House Resolution 11 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution commemorating St. Patrick's Day and the
2 27th 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
6 St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, falls on
7 March 17 each year, and Irish Americans join all
8 people of all ethnic backgrounds who, for one day,
9 become Irish and celebrate St. Patrick and the love of
10 Ireland; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
8 the House of Representatives commemorates St. Patrick's
9 Day and the 27th anniversary of the Good Friday
10 Agreement, recognizes the cultural significance of
11 Irish immigration to the United States, proclaims
12 support for Ireland, and joins with all people in
13 celebrating St. Patrick's Day; and

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