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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Good Friday Agreement on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its ratification as the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland; and

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WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement was signed in Belfast, Northern Ireland on April 10, 1998; and

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WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political framework to address its future; and

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WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the right of differing political traditions to pursue their goals of remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish unity; and

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WHEREAS, The Good Friday Agreement demonstrated democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences; and

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WHEREAS, Despite the historic progress of the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements, important issues remain unresolved in Northern Ireland, including securing justice for victims of state-sponsored violence and other violence and providing for the rights of all sections of the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, In the United States, members of both political
2 parties came together in support of the Good Friday Agreement;
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4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize the 25th anniversary of the ratification of the
7 Good Friday Agreement as the framework for lasting peace in
8 Northern Ireland; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage all men, women, and children
10 of all ethnic origins to become Irish for one day on the 17th
11 of March during the annual celebration of the feast of Saint
12 Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and to celebrate with
13 Irish Americans this year for the 25th anniversary of the Good
14 Friday Agreement; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we recognize the governments of the United
16 Kingdom and Ireland and their ongoing support and
17 implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, as it is the
18 irrevocable foundation of the peace process regardless of the
19 United Kingdom's status regarding the European Union; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented the 24th Chair Mark Daly of the Senate of Ireland and
2 the national co-chairs of the American Irish State Legislators
3 Caucus, which include Assemblywoman Carol Murphy of the New
4 Jersey Legislature, Assemblyman Robin Vos of the Wisconsin
5 State Assembly, Senator Shannon O'Brien of the Montana
6 Legislature, Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy of the Rhode
7 Island General Assembly, Assemblyman James Gallagher of the
8 California State Assembly, and Representative Killian Timoney
9 of the Kentucky General Assembly.