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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 suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 presented to the 24th Chair Mark Daly of the Senate of Ireland  
11 and the national co-chairs of the American Irish State  
12 Legislators Caucus, which include Representative Frances A.  
13 Hurley of the Illinois General Assembly, Assemblywoman Carol  
14 Murphy of the New Jersey Legislature, Assemblyman Robin Vos of  
15 the Wisconsin State Assembly, Senator Shannon O'Brien of the  
16 Montana Legislature, Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy of  
17 the Rhode Island General Assembly, Assemblyman James Gallagher  
18 of the California State Assembly, and Representative Killian  
19 Timoney of the Kentucky General Assembly.