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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: OBrien, Barrett, Lehman*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION celebrating St. Patrick's Day  
2           and the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

3           *Whereas, April 10, 2023, will mark the 25th anniversary of*  
4           *the Good Friday Agreement;*

5           *Whereas, There are people alive on the island of Ireland*  
6           *because of the continuous bipartisan support for the Good*  
7           *Friday Agreement over the last 25 years by state legislatures,*  
8           *successive United States presidents, successive United States*  
9           *Congresses, and elected officials working in partnership with*  
10          *the Government of the Republic of Ireland and the Government*  
11          *of the United Kingdom;*

12          *Whereas, We honor the Good Friday Agreement, on this year*  
13          *of the 25th anniversary of its ratification, as the framework for*  
14          *lasting peace in Northern Ireland;*

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1       *Whereas, The Good Friday Agreement represented a*  
2       *landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political*  
3       *framework to address its future;*

4       *Whereas, The Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the*  
5       *right of differing political traditions to pursue their goals of*  
6       *either remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish unity;*

7       *Whereas, The Good Friday Agreement demonstrated*  
8       *democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences;*

9       *Whereas, We recognize the British and Irish governments'*  
10       *ongoing support and implementation of the Good Friday*  
11       *Agreement, as it is the irrevocable foundation of the peace*  
12       *process regardless of the United Kingdom's status regarding*  
13       *the European Union;*

14       *Whereas, Despite the historic process of the Good Friday*  
15       *Agreement and subsequent agreements, important issues*  
16       *remain unresolved in Northern Ireland, including securing*  
17       *justice for victims of state-sponsored violence and other*  
18       *violence, and providing for the rights of all sections of the*  
19       *community;*

20       *Whereas, Members of both political parties in the United*  
21       *States came together to support the Good Friday Agreement;*

22       *Whereas, On March 17, during the celebration of the feast*  
23       *day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans*  
24       *join with men, women, and children of all ethnic origins to*  
25       *celebrate St. Patrick, and this year we also celebrate and give*  
26       *thanks for the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement;*

27       *Whereas, The year 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary*  
28       *of the first flying of the tricolored Irish flag by Thomas F.*  
29       *Meagher, who embodied the links between Ireland and the*  
30       *United States of America through starting his life in Ireland*  
31       *and dying at age 43 as acting territorial governor of Montana;*  
32       *and*

33       *Whereas, We resolve to celebrate the flag of Ireland as a*



1 *symbol of the link between the United States and Ireland, and*  
2 *we celebrate it as a symbol of peace: Therefore,*

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
4 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

5 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
6 celebrates St. Patrick's Day and the 25th anniversary of the  
7 Good Friday Agreement.

8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
9 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to State  
10 Representative Tim O'Brien for distribution.

