

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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BRIGGS, P. COSTA, VITALI, TAYLOR, HANNA, DERMODY, GERGELY AND
MUSTIO, MAY 23, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 23, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the unification of Ireland.

2 WHEREAS, Ireland and its people are an ancient and distinct
3 island nation and the people of Ireland have a right and
4 responsibility to govern themselves; and

5 WHEREAS, Human and civil rights derive "their just powers
6 from the consent of the governed" and are best guaranteed by
7 people freely elected by democratic means to an independent
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, The logic of history, international law, human
10 rights and peaceful political actions dictate the reunification
11 of the island of Ireland, and the reality of the moment in the
12 Peace Process, the Good Friday Agreement, the Devolved Assembly
13 and the development of the All-Ireland institutions of
14 governance attest to this momentum; and

1 WHEREAS, In the past the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopted the MacBride Principles for
3 Northern Ireland and strongly endorsed passage of the Good
4 Friday Agreement among the previously warring parties, in part
5 because of the dedication as well as bipartisan support of three
6 separate Presidents of the United States, in seeing the Good
7 Friday Agreement to fruition and formation of the Assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, The contributions of the Irish-born and of Irish
9 Americans to the United States of America and to the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are legion; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to a
12 significant percentage of Americans whose ancestors emigrated
13 from Ireland in times of famine and war to seek a better life,
14 but in whose hearts still remains a desire for peace and
15 unification in their ancestral home; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly support the unification of
18 Ireland, by supporting all peaceful political actions that will
19 result in the final reunification of the island of Ireland
20 through all electoral and diplomatic means necessary; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all
23 members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, the
24 Governor of Pennsylvania, President Barack Obama, Vice President
25 Joseph Biden, United States Secretary of State John Kerry, the
26 Taoiseach, the President of Ireland; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
28 United States Ambassador of Ireland who shall be urged to
29 transmit a copy to the United States Ambassador to Great Britain
30 and to Great Britain's Ambassador to the United States.