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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA,  
PIPPY, O'PAKE, ORIE, WASHINGTON, FERLO, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF,  
BROWNE, McILHINNEY AND DINNIMAN, JULY 30, 2010

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 30, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting a United Ireland.

2 WHEREAS, Ireland and its people comprise an ancient and  
3 distinct island nation, and the people of Ireland have a right  
4 and the 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 peace dictate the reunification of the island of  
11 Ireland, and the reality of the moment in the Peace Process, the  
12 Good Friday Agreement, the Devolved Assembly and the development  
13 of the All-Ireland institutions of governance attest to this  
14 momentum; and

15 WHEREAS, In the past, the General Assembly adopted the  
16 MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland and strongly endorsed  
17 passage of the Good Friday Agreement among the previously

1 warring parties, in part because of the dedication and  
2 bipartisan support of three separate presidents of the United  
3 States, in seeing the Good Friday Agreement to fruition and  
4 formation of the Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, The contributions of the Irish born and Irish  
6 Americans, to the United States of America and this Commonwealth  
7 are legion; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to a  
9 significant percentage of Americans whose ancestors migrated in  
10 times of famine and war to seek a better life but in whose  
11 hearts still desire peace and unification for their ancestral  
12 home; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania strongly support a  
14 United Ireland by supporting those peaceful political actions  
15 that will result in the final reunification of Ireland; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
18 President Barack Obama; Vice President Joseph Biden; United  
19 States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; all members of the  
20 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation; the Governor of  
21 Pennsylvania; the Honorable Andrew Rooney, the United States  
22 Ambassador to Ireland; and the Taoiseach and President of  
23 Ireland.