
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, RAFFERTY, SMITH, ALLOWAY, McILHINNEY,
GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, HUGHES, FARNESE, FERLO, DINNIMAN, BLAKE,
BOSCOLA, COSTA, ARGALL, FONTANA, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, BROWNE,
WHITE, WILLIAMS, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, KITCHEN, HUTCHINSON,
VULAKOVICH AND TOMLINSON, MARCH 12, 2013

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 12, 2013

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 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

15 WHEREAS, In the past, the General Assembly adopted the
16 MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland and strongly endorsed

1 passage of the Good Friday Agreement among the parties, in part
2 because of the dedication and bipartisan support of three
3 separate presidents of the United States, in seeing the Good
4 Friday Agreement to fruition and 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 the
18 President and Vice President of the United States; the United
19 States Secretary of State; all members of the Pennsylvania
20 Congressional Delegation; the Governor of Pennsylvania; and the
21 Taoiseach and President of Ireland; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
23 United States Ambassador to Ireland, who shall be urged to
24 transmit a copy to the United States Ambassador to Great Britain
25 and to Great Britain's Ambassador to the United States.