

By Representatives Flanagan, King, Cosgrove, Harrington,  
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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the celebration of  
Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, 1997.

WHEREAS, Saint Patrick is responsible for bringing  
literacy to the people of Ireland, which led to Ireland's  
status as one of the most literary nations in the world, and

WHEREAS, Americans of Irish birth and Irish descent  
have played a significant role in the building of America,  
especially in military and governmental service, business,  
politics, and the arts, and

WHEREAS, the 1988 Florida Legislature adopted the  
MacBride Principles, providing that state retirement funds not  
be invested in companies operating in Northern Ireland which  
discriminate in their hiring practices, and

WHEREAS, Florida is the home of Bob Linnon, National  
President of the Irish American Unity Conference, a national  
organization working for nonviolent solutions for peace with  
justice in a united Ireland and sponsors the national campaign  
for the MacBride Principles, and

WHEREAS, Florida's Capital City has established a  
Sister City Program with Sligo, Ireland, and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the members of the  
Florida Legislature are of Irish ancestry, and

WHEREAS, there are over forty million Americans of  
Irish ancestry and over three million Floridians of Irish  
ancestry, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
Florida:

1           That the House of Representatives joins with the Irish  
2 American Caucus and all Floridians of good heart on this Saint  
3 Patrick's Day, March 17, in celebrating the continuing  
4 contribution of Irish Americans, their spirit, and their  
5 dreams for peace and brotherhood.

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