By Representatives Flanagan, Casey, Healey, Cosgrove, Feeney, Kelly, Harrington, Detert, Ryan, Hart, Byrd, Kyle and Thrasher

1   House Resolution

2   A resolution commemorating the celebration of

3   Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, 1999.

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5   WHEREAS, Saint Patrick is responsible for bringing

6   literacy to the people of Ireland, which led to Ireland's

7   status as one of the most literary nations in the world, and

8   WHEREAS, Americans of Irish birth and Irish descent

9   have played a significant role in the building of America,

10 especially in military and governmental service, business,

11 politics, and the arts, and

12   WHEREAS, the 1988 Florida Legislature adopted the

13 MacBride Principles, providing that state retirement funds not

14 be invested in companies operating in Northern Ireland which

15 discriminate in their hiring practices, and

16   WHEREAS, Florida is the home of Bob Linnon, National

17 President of the Irish American Unity Conference, a national

18 organization working for nonviolent solutions for peace with

19 justice in a united Ireland and sponsors the national campaign

20 for the MacBride Principles, and

21   WHEREAS, Florida's Capital City has established a

22 Sister City Program with Sligo, Ireland, and

23   WHEREAS, a significant number of the members of the

24 Florida Legislature are of Irish ancestry, and

25   WHEREAS, there are over forty million Americans of

26 Irish ancestry and over three million Floridians of Irish

27 ancestry, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of

30 Florida:

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 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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