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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, 2000.

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'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:

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

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