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House Resolution

A resolution designating the month of March in
perpetuity as Celtic-American Heritage Month in
Florida.

WHEREAS, the descendants of immigrants from Ireland,
Scotland, and Wales and others of Celtic ancestry, including
Galicia in Spain, have contributed significantly to the
economic, cultural, and spiritual development of the State of
Florida, and

WHEREAS, second and third generation Irish-Americans,
Scottish-Americans, Welsh-Americans, and Gallego-Americans
continue to move permanently to Florida in significant
numbers, thus contributing to Florida's growth, and

WHEREAS, the early history of Florida is replete with
examples of the civic exploits of those of Celtic ancestry,
including the first mayor of Miami, John B. Reilly, and the
distinguished United States Congressman Claude Pepper, and

WHEREAS, the continuing history of Florida demonstrates
the patriotic and civic contributions of countless Florida
citizens of Celtic-American heritage who serve even to this
very day in the Florida Cabinet, the Florida Legislature, and
the Florida Supreme Court and in elected offices in almost
every Florida municipality, and

WHEREAS, the example of the multiple groups of Celtic
descendants who live in harmony one with the other in this
blessed nation of the United States of America is held up as a
model to their cousins overseas, and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Society of Florida, a benevolent
group of men and women of Irish lineage, and the
Scottish-American Society of Florida, a similar association of

1 descendants of emigres from Scotland and Ireland, joined in
2 concert to propose this historic resolution, and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Florida wishes to take note of
4 and memorialize the significant positive impact upon the State
5 of Florida of people of Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Gallego, and
6 other Celtic origin, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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11 That the month of March be designated henceforth in
12 perpetuity as Celtic-American Heritage Month in Florida and,
13 as such, be duly observed throughout the state.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Emerald
15 Society of Florida and the Scottish-American Society of
16 Florida be commended, as representative of all Floridians of
17 Celtic-American heritage, for their ongoing, distinguished
18 accomplishments and their contributions to the civic,
19 cultural, and economic vitality of their respective Florida
20 municipalities.

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