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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution supporting the efforts of the Irish
3 people to arrive at a peaceful solution on the
4 question of reunification.

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6 WHEREAS, Ireland and its people are an ancient and distinct
7 nation, and

8 WHEREAS, Ireland is an island nation that is composed of 32
9 counties that in the 1920s was artificially divided into a 26-
10 county region, the Irish Republic, and a 6-county unit, Northern
11 Ireland, and

12 WHEREAS, this division of the Irish nation was designed to
13 be transitory, and

14 WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that the Irish people
15 have the right and responsibility to govern themselves, and

16 WHEREAS, human and civic rights derive their just powers
17 from the consent of the governed and are best guaranteed by a
18 freely instituted, duly elected, and independent government, and

19 WHEREAS, the Irish Republic is a member of the European
20 Economic Union, and a unified, independent Irish economy is the
21 most effective way for that economy to grow and the most fair
22 and impartial path to extend the benefits of such growth to all
23 Ireland, and

24 WHEREAS, a unified independent Irish society is most likely
25 to provide for the social and practical needs of its people, and

26 WHEREAS, the historic Good Friday Agreement, negotiated
27 with American support and ratified by the British and Irish
28 governments, as well as by vote of the electorate of the entire
29 island of Ireland, includes provisions for achieving a united

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30 Ireland through purely democratic and peaceful means, NOW,
31 THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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35 That we support the efforts of the Irish people to arrive
36 at a peaceful solution to the question of reunification.