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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the relationship between the  
3 State of Florida and Ireland.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida is home to one of the largest populations  
6 of Irish descent in the United States, and

7 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of bilateral  
8 tourism, Ireland sent representatives in March 2017 to South  
9 Florida to promote and highlight Ireland's heritage, culture,  
10 tourism industry, affordability, and business opportunities, and

11 WHEREAS, as a result of strong export growth and a  
12 strengthening domestic economy, Ireland's business climate  
13 continues to improve exponentially, and

14 WHEREAS, the South Florida Irish American Chamber of  
15 Commerce (SFIACC), established in 2017, is developing rapidly in  
16 Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties, marshalling the  
17 energies of the growing Irish business community, and

18 WHEREAS, SFIACC members are committed to deepening  
19 commercial links between Ireland and the State of Florida and  
20 several Irish companies already are active in the state,  
21 employing more than 5,000 Floridians, and

22 WHEREAS, on September 1, 2017, Ireland inaugurated its  
23 second direct route between Dublin and Florida by establishing  
24 nonstop service from Miami to Dublin, thereby facilitating and  
25 enhancing tourism, trade, and business development, and

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26 WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Ireland will continue to  
27 preserve and value this relationship, 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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32 That the House of Representatives expresses its  
33 appreciation for the relationship between the State of Florida  
34 and Ireland.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
36 presented to the Consul General of Ireland for the Southeast  
37 United States as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed  
38 herein.