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**Representatives Patmon, Patton  
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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland  
on the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its St.  
Patrick's Day Parade.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to honor the United 2  
Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland on the One Hundred Seventy- 3  
fifth Anniversary of its St. Patrick's Day Parade; and 4

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is a 5  
fitting tribute to the United Irish Societies of Greater 6  
Cleveland, as its St. Patrick's Day Parade is the oldest such 7  
parade in Ohio, and the organization has achieved a remarkable 8  
record of service to the Irish people in Ohio. Established by the 9  
Reverend Peter McLaughlin in 1842, the parade promotes and 10  
celebrates the Irish heritage, and this year's parade, which will 11  
be celebrated on March 17 and is expected to have ten thousand 12  
participants from one hundred twenty-five units, is a justifiable 13  
source of pride and an outstanding reflection not only on the 14  
group itself but also on its members, for these individuals have 15  
distinguished themselves as conscientious and hard-working 16  
Ohioans; and 17

WHEREAS, Willingly giving of their energy and abilities, all 18  
those associated with the United Irish Societies of Greater 19  
Cleveland, both past and present, have worked tirelessly to better 20  
the world around them. Throughout its history, the men and women 21  
who have affiliated themselves with this fine endeavor have made a 22  
difference in the lives of many of Ohio's residents. A remarkable 23

group of people, the members have combined civic concern and 24  
commitment with selfless initiative to become shining examples for 25  
the local area, and we are proud to note that it is through the 26  
diligent efforts of conscientious individuals such as these that 27  
the State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper and remains a 28  
pleasant place in which to live and work; and 29

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the United Irish Societies of 30  
Greater Cleveland has enhanced the quality of life within the 31  
surrounding area, and its efforts to strengthen Gaelic pride have 32  
earned it the gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so 33  
capably served. We are certain that as this noteworthy 34  
organization maintains its unfaltering dedication to service, it 35  
will continue in the tradition of excellence that has long been 36  
its hallmark; therefore be it 37

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 38  
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 39  
this Resolution, commend the United Irish Societies of Greater 40  
Cleveland on the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its St. 41  
Patrick's Day Parade and extend best wishes for ongoing success; 42  
and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 44  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the 45  
United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland. 46