

# A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ireland and the United States.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

WHEREAS, Strong U.S.-Irish connections date to the 19th century when a large number of Irish immigrants came to the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the first half of the 1800s, Irish immigrants, many of them fleeing the potato blight and resulting famine of the 1840s, settled in Ohio, making up a sizable portion of the immigrant population in the state; and

WHEREAS, Irish laborers were instrumental in the construction of the Ohio and Erie Canal, and the Miami and Erie Canal; and

WHEREAS, Ireland gained independence from the United Kingdom on December 6, 1921, when representatives of the two states signed the Anglo-Irish Treaty; and

WHEREAS, The United States recognized the Irish Free State as a state with autonomous control over its foreign relations on June 28, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Diplomatic relations were established on October 7, 1924, when Timothy A. Smiddy presented his credentials as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State in Washington, D.C.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, memorialize the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ireland and the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason at the Embassy of Ireland, United States of America, in Washington D.C., to the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_