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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the 250th
2 anniversary of the United States of America and the Irish ties to
3 the historical event.

4 *Whereas, On Saint Patrick's Day of 1776, the British ended*
5 *the 11-month siege of Boston when they withdrew from the city,*
6 *leaving control of Boston to American forces, including*
7 *General John Sullivan, who was named Officer of the Day by*
8 *George Washington;*

9 *Whereas, General John Sullivan, the son of Irish immigrants,*
10 *would go on to be the Governor of New Hampshire, and his*

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1 *brother James would later serve as the Governor of*
 2 *Massachusetts;*

3 *Whereas, The Declaration of Independence had eight Irish*
 4 *American signatories, including three who were born in*
 5 *Ireland. These eight men were Thomas McKean, who later*
 6 *served as President of the Continental Congress, Charles*
 7 *Carroll, James Smith, George Taylor, Matthew Thornton,*
 8 *Edward Rutledge, Thomas Lynch Jr., and George Read;*

9 *Whereas, These eight men came from different communities*
 10 *and upbringings, ranging from the sons of lawyers and*
 11 *clergymen to the sons of farmers and indentured servants. Yet*
 12 *they stood united in their efforts to create a republic in the*
 13 *United States, which inspired generations in Ireland to seek*
 14 *and ultimately secure an Irish republic. The spirit of*
 15 *independence they embodied is at the heart of the republics they*
 16 *crucially helped to found in both America and Ireland;*

17 *Whereas, Their brand of Irish defiance and Enlightenment*
 18 *Republican ideas was used to create an alternative society for*
 19 *free people;*

20 *Whereas, The first 200 copies of the Declaration of*
 21 *Independence were printed by John Dunlap, who emigrated*
 22 *from County Tyrone, and it first appeared internationally in the*
 23 *Belfast Newsletter in Ireland;*

24 *Whereas, 250 years ago, Stephen Moylan, George*
 25 *Washington's Irish American aide-de-camp, first committed the*
 26 *phrase "United States of America" to paper; and*

27 *Whereas, It was reported to the British Parliament by Lord*
 28 *Mountjoy that, "America was lost by Irish emigrants...I am*
 29 *assured from the best authority, a major part of the American*
 30 *Army was composed of Irish and that the Irish language was as*
 31 *commonly spoken in the American ranks as English, I am also*
 32 *informed it was their valor that determined the contest.":*
 33 *Therefore,*

34 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
 35 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 recognizes the 250th anniversary of these occasions and the
3 contributions of Irish-American patriots in the struggle for
4 independence.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
7 Representative Timothy O'Brien for distribution.

