
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 27
Author: Gallagher (R), Calderon (D), Flora (R) and Haney (D), et al.
Introduced: 3/1/23
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR, Read and adopted, 3/13/23

SUBJECT: St. Patrick's Day, the Good Friday Agreement, and diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes St. Patrick's Day, the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and 90 years of diplomatic relations between the State of California and Ireland.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) On March 17, during the annual celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with adults and children of all ethnic origins for one day to become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick.
- 2) This year we also celebrate and give thanks for the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. While there are still some outstanding issues, the agreement has been a considerable success.
- 3) There are people alive on the island of Ireland today because of the continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement over the last 25 years of state legislators, successive United States presidents, the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and elected officials working in partnership with the governments of the United Kingdom and of Ireland.
- 4) We recognize the longstanding and richly multifaceted relationship between the State of California and Ireland. The Consulate General of Ireland in the City and County of San Francisco opened in 1933, and this year we celebrate 90 years of diplomatic relations. Ireland's opening of a second Consulate General

of Ireland in the City of Los Angeles in 2019 reinforces our strong and vibrant connections built on shared heritage, values, and ambition.

- 5) 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F. Meagher, who embodied the links between Ireland and the United States, started his life in Ireland, and died at the age of 43 as acting governor of the State of Montana.

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Comments

According to the author,

ACR 27 honors Irish Heritage Month, the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and 90 Years of Diplomatic Relations between Ireland and the United States. It recognizes the success of the Good Friday Agreement as the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland, acknowledges the ongoing support of the British and Irish Governments, and celebrates the links between Ireland and the United States.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/21/23)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/21/23)

None received

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