

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6044

A RESOLUTION commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland.

WHEREAS, On March 17th, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with people of all other ethnic origins in celebrating Saint Patrick and demonstrating a mutual love for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, A century ago, Ireland formally opened diplomatic relations with the United States when Timothy Smiddy presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, Irish people have made an enormous contribution to public debate and politics in the United States, from small local communities to the White House; and

WHEREAS, More than 20 United States presidents have claimed some Irish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, The influence of Irish Americans extends beyond the Oval Office and the United States Capitol to every state of this nation, most evident by the significant number of state legislators within the American Irish State Legislators Caucus; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, which has leadership in all 50 states, and we applaud its aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship between the United States and Ireland for the mutual benefit of both countries; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants helped build the United States we know today, from the skyscrapers of Manhattan, New York, to the transcontinental railroad, to our modern political system; and

WHEREAS, Today, nearly one out of ten Americans identify as being of Irish descent: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland; and

Be it further resolved: That we recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Ireland. House Resolution No. 6044 was sponsored by Representatives Blake Carpenter, Bill Rhiley, Sean Tarwater, Kristey Williams.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.