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# H. RES. 1345

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2024

Mr. NEAL (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. KEATING, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. AMO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. TRAHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, a century ago, on October 7, 1924, Timothy Smiddy presented his credentials to President Calvin Coolidge, becoming Ireland's first Minister Plenipotentiary to any country in the world;

Whereas, following the Irish people's arduous journey to securing their independence, the United States was one of the first countries to recognize the fledgling Irish state earlier that year;

Whereas it is estimated that over 6,000,000 Irish people have emigrated to the United States since 1820, creating a remarkable and inseparable cultural link between the 2 countries;

Whereas the great friendship and bonds of kinship between the peoples of the United States and the island of Ireland, reflected in the centenary of diplomatic relations, underpinned the contribution of the United States to peace in Northern Ireland, specifically the achievement of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement;

Whereas the Congressional Friends of Ireland, founded in 1981, remains a critical voice for peace on the island of Ireland, and bipartisan support in Congress has continued to deliver progress toward peace and reconciliation;

Whereas the establishment of diplomatic relations has allowed the United States-Ireland economic relationship to flourish, with bilateral trade and investment totaling \$1,000,000,000,000 annually and with Ireland now the ninth-largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States;

Whereas the cultural and educational links between our peoples have grown over time and deeply enriched that relationship;

Whereas over 30,000,000 Americans, nearly 10 percent of the population, claim Irish heritage; and

Whereas the United States and Ireland will continue to strengthen their diplomatic relationship and promote their shared values of freedom, democracy, and rules-based international order: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the es-  
2           tablishment of diplomatic relations between the  
3           United States and Ireland;

4           (2) reaffirms its support for peace and rec-  
5           onciliation on the island of Ireland;

6           (3) supports the continued strengthening of re-  
7           lations between the United States and Ireland, in-  
8           cluding the mutually beneficial economic relation-  
9           ship; and

10          (4) recognizes the enduring people-to-people ties  
11          between the United States and Ireland, and supports  
12          efforts to sustain these into the future.

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