
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA,
PIPPY, O'PAKE, ORIE, WASHINGTON, FERLO, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF,
BROWNE, McILHINNEY AND DINNIMAN, JULY 30, 2010

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 30, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting a United Ireland.

2 WHEREAS, Ireland and its people comprise an ancient and
3 distinct island nation, and the people of Ireland have a right
4 and the responsibility to govern themselves; and

5 WHEREAS, Human and civil rights derive "their just powers
6 from the consent of the governed" and are best guaranteed by
7 people freely elected by democratic means to an independent
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, The logic of history, international law, human
10 rights and peace dictate the reunification of the island of
11 Ireland, and the reality of the moment in the Peace Process, the
12 Good Friday Agreement, the Devolved Assembly and the development
13 of the All-Ireland institutions of governance attest to this
14 momentum; and

15 WHEREAS, In the past, the General Assembly adopted the
16 MacBride Principles for Northern Ireland and strongly endorsed
17 passage of the Good Friday Agreement among the previously

1 warring parties, in part because of the dedication and
2 bipartisan support of three separate presidents of the United
3 States, in seeing the Good Friday Agreement to fruition and
4 formation of the Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, The contributions of the Irish born and Irish
6 Americans, to the United States of America and this Commonwealth
7 are legion; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is home to a
9 significant percentage of Americans whose ancestors migrated in
10 times of famine and war to seek a better life but in whose
11 hearts still desire peace and unification for their ancestral
12 home; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania strongly support a
14 United Ireland by supporting those peaceful political actions
15 that will result in the final reunification of Ireland; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
18 President Barack Obama; Vice President Joseph Biden; United
19 States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; all members of the
20 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation; the Governor of
21 Pennsylvania; the Honorable Andrew Rooney, the United States
22 Ambassador to Ireland; and the Taoiseach and President of
23 Ireland.