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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AND  
RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN IRELAND AND  
RHODE ISLAND AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN-IRISH STATE  
LEGISLATORS CAUCUS

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Messier, McGaw, Casey, Hawkins, Edwards,  
Kennedy, McNamara, Shekarchi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: March 17, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, On March 17th, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick,  
2 the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with men, women and children of all ethnic  
3 origins who, for one day, all are considered honorary Irish and may celebrate Saint Patrick and  
4 love of Ireland; and

5           WHEREAS, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear green live in the spirit of Saints  
6 Patrick, Brigid and Colmcille whose 1500th Anniversary as patron saints occurred during the last  
7 year; and

8           WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to Rhode Island helped form the cultural foundation of our  
9 State, and Rhode Islanders of Irish lineage today proudly sing of their roots in Ballinamore and  
10 Ballinasloe, in Ennistymon and Enniscorthy, in Cahirciveen and Castlebarr, and in Skibbereen  
11 and Skerries; and

12           WHEREAS, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of  
13 battle: the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle; and the  
14 lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal; and

15           WHEREAS, Rhode Island has always had a strong history of American Irish relations  
16 and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus with its aim of fostering and  
17 strengthening the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States of America and  
18 Ireland will be of mutual benefit to both countries with leadership in all 50 states; now, therefore

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 commemorates the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the Senate of  
7 Ireland, which on this year celebrates its 100th Anniversary, the National Co-Chairs of the  
8 American Irish State Legislators Caucus, and the President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians,  
9 Rhode Island.

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