

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

Commending the American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, on March 17, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all other ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick and a love of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, people throughout the Commonwealth and around the world wear green and live for a day in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Saint Bridget, and Saint Colmcille; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation and people of Irish lineage today proudly sing support for Ireland; and

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

WHEREAS, the American Irish State Legislators Caucus was established in 2021 to foster and strengthen the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries with members in all 50 states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the American Irish State Legislators Caucus hereby be commended on the occasion of Saint Patrick's Day in 2022, which marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Senate of Ireland; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Senator Mark Daly, chair of the Senate of Ireland, and the national co-chairs of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, Speaker Robin J. Vos of Wisconsin, Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy of New Jersey, Representative Killian Timoney of Kentucky, Representative Fran A. Hurley of Illinois, Senator Shannon O'Brien of Montana, and Senator Mia C. Costello of Alaska, as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation for rich history of Irish immigrants in the Commonwealth.

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