Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 3 By: Boren

A Resolution celebrating the flag of Ireland, St. Patrick's Day, and the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, April 10, 2023, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, which is historic progress and a considerable success despite outstanding issues in Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, there are Irish people alive today because of continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement by state legislators, United States presidents, the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and elected officials through partnerships with the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland; and

WHEREAS, we honor and give thanks for the Good Friday Agreement, the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland, on the historic anniversary of its ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political framework to address its future and pursue its goals of remaining part of the U.K. or of Irish unity, and acknowledged the right of differing political traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements demonstrated democratic and peaceful resolution of differences. We recognize the British and Irish governments' ongoing support and implementation of this agreement. It is the irrevocable foundation of the peace process regardless of the U.K.'s status regarding the European Union; and

WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the U.S. came together to support the Good Friday Agreement; and

WHEREAS, March 17 marks the annual celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Irish Americans join with people of all ethnic origins for this celebration; and

WHEREAS, 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F. Meagher, who embodied the links between Ireland and the U.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates the flag of Ireland as a symbol of the link between the U.S. and Ireland and celebrates it as a symbol of peace, and also celebrates St. Patrick's Day and the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, and it is requested they inform themselves about the bipartisan resolution in Congress regarding Ireland, the Good Friday Agreement, and the Irish peace process.

Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 14th day of March, 20 23, at 10:17 o'clock a M.

By: Brian Bingman