

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR MIZELL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes the history of Irish Americans and the 250th anniversary of their signing of the Declaration of Independence.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and recognize the history of Irish Americans and the 250th anniversary of their
3 signing of the Declaration of Independence.

4 WHEREAS, in 2026, the United States marks two hundred fifty years of
5 independence; and

6 WHEREAS, from the very beginning of America's independence, Irish Americans
7 demonstrated a commitment of faith, culture, and charity while serving as soldiers in
8 Washington's army, leaders in politics, builders of cities, and servants of communities, never
9 forgetting their heritage while helping to build a stronger nation; and

10 WHEREAS, for generations, Irish immigrants and their descendants helped shape
11 America, by digging canals and building railroads, raising churches and schools, and filling
12 the ranks of the military, police, and fire services; and

13 WHEREAS, the Irish Independence Movement was a prolonged struggle for
14 self-rule, which culminated in the 1919-1921 Irish War of Independence, and the 1922
15 guerrilla conflict between the Irish Republican Army and British forces that led to the
16 creation of the Irish Free State, which consisted of twenty-six counties, while Northern
17 Ireland remained in the United Kingdom sparking the divisive 1922-1923 Irish Civil War
18 and shaping modern Irish politics; and

