

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, key drivers of the movement included nationalism, republicanism, the legacy of the 1916 Easter Rising, and armed resistance groups like the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB); and

WHEREAS, Irish American groups are leading initiatives like the "Revolutionary Irish Trail" and "Irish America 250" to highlight the vital, often unsung, roles of Irish immigrants and their descendants in the American Revolution and building of the nation; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives showcase the contributions of soldiers, leaders, and community builders through events, trails, and educational projects to honor their heritage and impact on democracy; and

WHEREAS, America's Irish roots run deep and have undoubtedly shaped the nation's story by showcasing strength, resilience, and a commitment to democracy from the very beginning; and

WHEREAS, America's Irish culture has been preserved and passed down for generations and has contributed to the nation's rich heritage and history in many ways, including through literature, poetry, music, and dance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate and recognize the 250th year anniversary of Irish Americans history since the Declaration of Independence.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE