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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Requests the U.S. government to take steps to support a
united Ireland

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the government of the United States of America to immediately take all
3 appropriate steps to assist in the unification of Ireland.

4 WHEREAS, Ireland is an ancient and distinct island-nation that was artificially
5 partitioned by the United Kingdom with the Government of Ireland Act, 1920; and

6 WHEREAS, the partition divided the nation into Northern Ireland, which is
7 composed of six counties and is one of the four constituent countries of the United Kingdom,
8 and Southern Ireland, which would eventually become the Republic of Ireland, and which
9 consists of the remaining twenty-six counties; and

10 WHEREAS, negotiated with American support, the Belfast Agreement, commonly
11 known as the Good Friday Agreement, was ratified by the Irish and British governments on
12 April 10, 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represents a fundamental political advance
14 that created a framework and a mechanism for further political development toward the final
15 resolution of the issue and reunification; and

16 WHEREAS, the time has come to end the partition of Ireland in favor of a united,
17 sovereign nation that guarantees equal rights and equal opportunities for all of its citizens;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, in every area that affects the life and well-being of the Irish people,
20 including economy, education, health, governance, and social interaction, a united Ireland
21 offers the best opportunity for peace and prosperity for the Irish nation and its people.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge the government of the United States of America to immediately take all appropriate
3 steps to assist and encourage the governments of the Republic of Ireland and the United
4 Kingdom to achieve a united Ireland as envisioned and called for in the Good Friday
5 Agreement; does hereby encourage the Republic of Ireland to formally study the
6 implications of a united Ireland, outline the steps necessary for reunification, and report
7 those findings to the public; and does hereby look forward with eagerness and excitement
8 to the day of unification of Northern Ireland with the Republic of Ireland.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution shall be
10 transmitted to the Louisiana Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

DIGEST

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