

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4628, by Representative Fitzgibbon

1 WHEREAS, On March 17th, during the annual celebration of the
2 Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish Americans
3 join with men, women, and children of all other ethnic origins who,
4 for one day, become Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick and a love for
5 Ireland; and

6 WHEREAS, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear green live for a
7 day in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Bridget, and Columcille whose
8 1,500th anniversary was in the last year; and

9 WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to the United States helped form the
10 cultural foundation of the nation and those of Irish lineage today
11 proudly sing support for Ireland; and

12 WHEREAS, The first documented Irish presence in the State of
13 Washington dates to the expeditions of Captain Vancouver and the
14 Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery; and

15 WHEREAS, Spokane is among the top 10 major cities in the United
16 States in terms of percentage of residents with Irish ancestry; and

17 WHEREAS, We celebrate the establishment of the American Irish
18 State Legislators Caucus with its aim of fostering and strengthening
19 the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States
20 of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of both countries with
21 leadership in all 50 states; and

22 WHEREAS, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and
23 the joyous songs of battle: The nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and

1 the glories that are the Emerald Isle; and the lamentations of life's
2 myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
4 of Representatives commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint
5 Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk is directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Senator Mark
8 Daly, chair of the Senate of Ireland.

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