

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4684, by Representatives Stearns, Richards, Parshley, Abell, Duerr, Salahuddin, Callan, Ryu, Pollet, Leavitt, Zahn, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Hackney, Eslick, and Barnard

1       WHEREAS, The people of Ireland and the people of Washington state  
2 have formed a mutually prosperous relationship from across the  
3 Atlantic Ocean; and

4       WHEREAS, The cities of Seattle and Galway have been sister cities  
5 since 1986, engaging in trade, tourism, education exchange programs,  
6 and other meaningful projects, which have improved the health and  
7 well-being of the residents of both great cities for nearly 40 years;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, Ireland is known for innovation as a host for technology  
10 companies with deep roots in Washington that continue to make  
11 advancements in global technologies; and

12       WHEREAS, The people and economies of Washington state and Ireland  
13 thrive due to trade in technology, aerospace, agriculture, and  
14 energy, exceeding a total of one billion dollars annually;

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House  
16 of Representatives recognizes the strong partnership between the  
17 people of our state and the people of Ireland.

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