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H. CON. RES. 43

Endorsing the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland to be held in May 1995.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. MANTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. COYNE, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. MCCARTHY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. FORBES) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Endorsing the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland to be held in May 1995.

Whereas it is in the interest of the United States to sustain and promote the peace process in Northern Ireland;

Whereas increased United States investment in and trade with Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland are of great importance and must be based on fairness and equality;

Whereas President Clinton is planning to host a White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland in May 1995;

Whereas all major Irish-American groups and many members of Congress have endorsed the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland;

Whereas the Irish-American agenda states that the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland should be based upon and reflect the spirit of the MacBride Principles, a set of guidelines for fair employment in Northern Ireland, to ensure that United States dollars will not subsidize anti-Catholic discrimination in Northern Ireland;

Whereas the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference further states that such Conference should target United States trade and investment in the most disadvantaged and deprived areas in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland and that the people in those areas should be the first to benefit from such trade and investment;

Whereas the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference further states that all United States trade and investment in Northern Ireland should be vigorously monitored to ensure that such trade and investment does not promote inequality in Northern Ireland;

Whereas the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference further states that it is unacceptable for the British Government to arbitrarily exclude any person or group in Northern Ireland for alleged political or security reasons;

Whereas the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference further states that a high priority for United States trade and investment in Northern Ireland should be to help existing projects which are under community control and to help educate and train long-term unemployed individuals in Northern Ireland; and

Whereas the Irish-American agenda for the White House Conference further states that United States trade and investment should not be used by the British Government as an excuse for cutting back on its own economic responsibilities in Northern Ireland: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress endorses the Irish-Amer-
3 ican agenda for the White House Conference on Trade
4 and Investment in Ireland to be held in May 1995, thereby
5 supporting justice, economic stability, fair employment,
6 reconciliation, and peace for all the people of Ireland.

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