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Designating the month of March of each year as “Irish American Heritage Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. D’AMATO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas by 1776 nearly 300,000 persons had emigrated to the United States from Ireland;

Whereas following the Revolutionary War victory of Washington’s troops at Yorktown, a French Major General reported that Congress and America owed its existence, and possibly its preservation, to the support of the Irish;

Whereas at least 8 signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin;

Whereas more than 200 Irish Americans have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas 19 Presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage, including the first President, George Washington;

Whereas 44 million American citizens are of Irish descent; and

Whereas the Irish and their descendants have contributed greatly to the enrichment of all aspects of life in the United States, including military and government service, science, education, art, agriculture, business, industry, and athletics: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of March of each year
3 as “Irish American Heritage Month”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation designating the month of March of each year
6 as “Irish American Heritage Month” and calling on
7 the people of the United States to observe the month
8 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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