

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 364

Supporting the goals and ideals of St. Patrick's Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KUHLMAN, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. LYNCH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of St. Patrick's Day.

Whereas St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1737;

Whereas the first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in 1762 in New York City;

Whereas Irish immigrants to the United States endured many years of discrimination, and Irish immigrant job-seekers were told "No Irish Need Apply";

Whereas St. Patrick's Day parades developed over time into celebrations of the Irish influence on the Nation;

Whereas 16 Presidents and 7 signers of the Declaration of Independence trace their ancestry to Ireland;

Whereas more than 34,000,000 people in the United States today trace their ancestry to Ireland; and

Whereas St. Patrick's Day and its symbolic greenery announce the coming of spring: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) supports the goals and ideals of St. Pat-  
4        rick's Day; and

5            (2) encourages the people of the United States  
6        to observe St. Patrick's Day with appropriate cere-  
7        monies, activities, and programs to celebrate the  
8        contribution of Irish Americans to the Nation.

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