

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1004

By: Bennett, Waldron, and
O'Donnell

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution celebrating the flag of Ireland, St.
10 Patrick's Day and the 25th anniversary of the Good
11 Friday Agreement; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, April 10, 2023, will mark the 25th anniversary of the
14 Good Friday Agreement, which is historic progress and a considerable
15 success despite outstanding issues in Northern Ireland; and

16 WHEREAS, there are Irish people alive today because of
17 continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement by state
18 legislators, United States Presidents, the U.S. Senate, U.S. House
19 of Representatives, and elected officials through partnerships with
20 the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland; and

21 WHEREAS, we honor and give thanks for the Good Friday Agreement,
22 the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland, on the historic
23 anniversary of its ratification; and

1 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark
2 breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political framework to
3 address its future and pursue their goals of remaining part of the
4 UK or of Irish Unity, and acknowledged the right of differing
5 political traditions; and

6 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements
7 demonstrated democratic and peaceful resolving of differences. We
8 recognize the British and Irish governments' ongoing support and
9 implementation of this agreement. It is the irrevocable foundation
10 of the peace process regardless of the UK's status regarding the
11 European Union; and

12 WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the U.S. came
13 together to support the Good Friday Agreement; and

14 WHEREAS, March 17 marks the annual celebration of the feast of
15 Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Irish Americans join
16 with people of all ethnic origins for this celebration; and

17 WHEREAS, 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first
18 flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F Meagher, who embodied the links
19 between Ireland and the U.S.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates the flag
23 of Ireland as a symbol of the link between the U.S. and Ireland and
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1 celebrates it as a symbol of peace, and also celebrates St.
2 Patrick's Day and the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

3 THAT copies of this resolution be provided to Oklahoma's
4 Congressional delegation, and requests they inform themselves about
5 the bipartisan resolution in Congress regarding Ireland, the Good
6 Friday Peace Agreement, and the Irish Peace Process.

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