

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 238

Urging the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2011

Mr. KISSELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Urging the people of the United States to observe National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

Whereas the Scottish and Scots-Irish people were among the first to explore North America;

Whereas the contributions of the Scottish and Scots-Irish people have played a vital role in the development of industry, education, medicine, government, and the military in the United States;

Whereas many Scottish and Scots-Irish people immigrated to the 13 American colonies as indentured servants working to gain their freedom;

Whereas the Declaration of Arbroath, in which Scotland declared its independence from England, was a precursor of the Declaration of Independence of the United States;

Whereas almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the United States and a significant number of the governors of the 13 American colonies were of Scottish descent;

Whereas there are many Scottish Highland games and festivals that take place throughout the United States, celebrating all aspects of Scottish and Scots-Irish culture, history, and heritage while educating the general public on such culture, history, and heritage;

Whereas more than 27,000,000 Americans can trace their ancestry to Scotland and Northern Ireland;

Whereas many Scottish and Scots-Irish societies, clans, and organizations, along with various State and local governments, recognize April as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month; and

Whereas the Scottish and Scots-Irish people have been a part of the governmental institutions of the United States since the inception of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges
- 2 the people of the United States to observe National Scots,
- 3 Scots-Irish Heritage Month.

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