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H. RES. 716

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in Ireland's journey to independence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2016

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. HIGGINS, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, a seminal moment in Ireland's journey to independence.

Whereas the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising has a particular resonance in the United States;

Whereas, from the foundation of the United States, Irish people and the millions of United States citizens of Irish descent have helped to shape its history;

Whereas, in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "No people ever believed more deeply in the cause of Irish freedom than the people of the United States";

Whereas 5 of the 7 signatories of the 1916 Proclamation of Independence spent periods of time in the United States that significantly influenced their thinking and actions;

Whereas the United States is the only foreign country specifically mentioned in the Proclamation;

Whereas the contemporary ties between the United States and Ireland are of extraordinary depth and breadth;

Whereas continued United States engagement in the Northern Ireland peace process is vital to safeguarding the gains made since the Good Friday Agreement;

Whereas the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising offers an opportunity for remembrance, reconciliation, and reimagining of the future;

Whereas, on the 17th and 18th of May 2016, the Taoiseach (Prime Minister of Ireland) will visit Washington, DC, for events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising; and

Whereas more than 200 other commemorative events will take place across the United States to mark the anniversary: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recalls the special ties between Ireland and
3 the United States, continually sustained and
4 strengthened throughout the intertwined history of
5 both countries;

6 (2) welcomes the program of commemorations
7 in the United States marking the 100th anniversary

1 of Ireland's 1916 Rising, including the events taking
2 place in Washington DC; and

3 (3) recognizes the importance of nurturing and
4 renewing the unique relationship between the United
5 States and Ireland and their peoples into the future.

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