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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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

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

Whereas since the founding of the United States, Irish people and the millions of United States citizens of Irish descent have helped to shape the history of the United States;

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 the thinking and actions of those signatories;

Whereas the United States is the only foreign country specifically mentioned in the 1916 Proclamation of Independence;

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 May 17 and 18, 2016, the Taoiseach, the 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 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

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 the 1916 Easter Rising of Ireland, including the
2 events taking 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 the people of the United
6 States and Ireland, into the future.

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