

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 159

Honoring the memory of the victims of the Great Irish Potato Famine,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HORN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. MANTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. RIGGS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the memory of the victims of the Great Irish  
Potato Famine, and for other purposes.

Whereas 150 years ago, Ireland was in the midst of “Black  
'47”, the worst year of the Great Irish Potato Famine;

Whereas between 1846 and 1850, an estimated 1,500,000  
people died in Ireland from starvation and disease and  
over 1,000,000 people emigrated from Ireland to the  
United States and Canada to escape the famine; and

Whereas on June 1, 1997, in Millstreet, County Cork, Republic of Ireland, British Prime Minister Tony Blair offered the first public apology from the British Government for its lack of action during the famine: Now, therefore, be it

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

3           (1) joins all people of Irish descent in honoring  
 4       the memory of the victims of the Great Irish Potato  
 5       Famine;

6           (2) honors the millions of brave emigrants and  
 7       their descendants who rose from the tragedy of the  
 8       famine to make a profound contribution to the  
 9       United States; and

10          (3) encourages the British and Irish govern-  
 11       ments to build on the public apology from the  
 12       British Government and make a renewed effort for  
 13       peace in Northern Ireland.

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