

H. Res. 513

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 10, 2002.

Whereas from September 4, 2002, to September 6, 2002, the United States-Ireland Business Summit was held at the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center in Washington D.C.;

Whereas global economic change and the war against international terrorism have challenged industries and governments throughout the world to look at new ways to resolve conflicts, eliminate barriers, and expand markets;

Whereas the Summit brought together senior level corporate, government, and academic leaders from across the United States, Ireland, and Northern Ireland for discussions on economic competitiveness and important issues that are confronting the sectors of information and communications technology, biotechnology, and financial services in the United States and European markets;

Whereas the discussions focused on new public and private sector priorities, market development and entry, regulatory issues, and opportunities for joint ventures and economic growth, generating alliances between businesses with operations in the United States, Ireland, and Northern Ireland;

Whereas increased economic growth and job creation in Northern Ireland can further help promote the peace and shared governance under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement of 1998;

Whereas President George W. Bush has offered a compelling new vision for peace in Northern Ireland that emphasizes private sector leadership and innovation to restore economic vitality and cooperation;

Whereas the United States-Ireland Business Summit was a bold step toward making the vision of President Bush a reality and creating new opportunities in the United States, Ireland, and Northern Ireland; and

Whereas approximately 44,000,000 citizens of the United States identify themselves as having Irish ancestry and the United States has a strong and enduring interest in maintaining close ties with the people of Ireland and in supporting efforts to ensure peace, justice, and prosperity in Northern Ireland: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Congress recognizes the historical significance and timeliness of the United States-Ireland Business Summit held in Washington, D.C. from September 4, 2002, to September 6, 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.