

113TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 233

Honoring the Good Friday Agreement (the Belfast Agreement), on the 15th anniversary of its ratification, as the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2013

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. NEAL, and Mr. KING of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Good Friday Agreement (the Belfast Agreement), on the 15th anniversary of its ratification, as the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Whereas the Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political framework to address its future;

Whereas the Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the right of differing political traditions to pursue their goals of remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish Unity;

Whereas the Good Friday Agreement demonstrated democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences;

Whereas members of both political parties in the United States came together to support the Good Friday Agreement; and

Whereas the Good Friday Agreement promotes religious freedom, democracy, and human rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Good
3 Friday Agreement;

4 (2) urges all communities to continue to engage
5 in the legal political process;

6 (3) calls on the Governments of the United
7 Kingdom and Ireland to work together to achieve
8 full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement,
9 including the creation of a Bill of Rights for North-
10 ern Ireland; and

11 (4) recognizes the urgent and ongoing necessity
12 of reconciliation, and urges the involvement of the
13 United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and com-
14 munities to work toward genuine reconciliation.

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