

111TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1252

Commending the political leadership of Northern Ireland on reaching the Hillsborough Agreement on policing and justice.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2010

Mr. ROONEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on April 10, 1998, the Good Friday Agreement set forth a roadmap for lasting peace in Northern Ireland;

Whereas, on October 13, 2006, the St. Andrews Agreement was adopted to strengthen power sharing between the political parties of Northern Ireland;

Whereas, on May 8, 2007, leaders from the major political parties in Northern Ireland took office as part of an agreement to share power in accordance with the democratic mandate of the Good Friday Agreement;

Whereas, on February 5, 2010, the political leadership of Northern Ireland concluded the Hillsborough Agreement

on the devolution of policing and justice in Northern Ireland;

Whereas, on March 9, 2010, the Northern Ireland Assembly voted to affirm the Hillsborough Agreement and endorse the devolution of policing and justice, creating a Department of Justice for Northern Ireland;

Whereas the approval of the Hillsborough Agreement marks a major landmark in realizing the objectives of the Good Friday Agreement and the St. Andrews Agreement;

Whereas the Hillsborough Agreement commands widespread public support among the people of Northern Ireland; and

Whereas, on March 9, 2010, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton applauded “Northern Ireland’s political leadership for tackling the complex and difficult work that will come with these additional responsibilities”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the—

3 (1) Hillsborough Agreement marks a significant
4 step forward in the peace process for Northern Ireland;
5 land;

6 (2) political leadership of Northern Ireland
7 should be commended for taking the difficult steps
8 to reach and implement this agreement;

9 (3) political parties of Northern Ireland should
10 continue to work together toward the goal of achiev-

1 ing a lasting peace for the people of Northern Ire-
2 land; and

3 (4) United States supports the Hillsborough
4 Agreement and will continue to stand by the people
5 of Northern Ireland in their effort for a true and en-
6 during peace.

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