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H. RES. 88

Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives to a hard border
between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives
to a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Re-
public of Ireland.

Whereas, in 1998, the Government of Ireland, the Govern-
ment of the United Kingdom, and the political party
leaders of Northern Ireland agreed upon the Good Friday
Agreement to end years of violence;

Whereas the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of
Ireland voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Good Friday
Agreement in a referendum on May 22, 1998;

Whereas the completion of the Good Friday Agreement
marked a historic success and has been the basis for a
peaceful resolution of a longstanding conflict;

Whereas the United States is one of the three guarantors of the Good Friday Agreement;

Whereas the United States has consistently reaffirmed its commitment to assist in building a strong society, economy, and enduring peace in Northern Ireland;

Whereas the United States has continuously supported the International Fund for Ireland and appointed successive Peace Envoys to Northern Ireland;

Whereas continued United States engagement in the Northern Ireland peace process is essential to protect the Good Friday Agreement;

Whereas a 2016 referendum in Britain to leave the European Union has increased concerns about the future of the Good Friday Agreement and sustained peace in Northern Ireland; and

Whereas the free flow of persons across open borders between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom has been a fundamental aspect of promoting peace and unity throughout the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives opposes
- 2 the imposition of a hard border, whether one that is
- 3 strongly controlled by officials, police, or soldiers, or a
- 4 physical barrier, between Northern Ireland and the Re-
- 5 public of Ireland.

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