

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Taoiseach of Ireland Micheál Martin TD is  
2 visiting in March 2025 during the traditional annual trip by the  
3 country's head of government to the United States; and

4           WHEREAS, In January 2025, Taoiseach Micheál Martin was  
5 elected to lead his country as Taoiseach in a coalition government;  
6 this marks the second time he has held the office, having previously  
7 served from 2020 to 2022; and

8           WHEREAS, Ireland and the United States have long maintained  
9 strong economic, diplomatic, and cultural ties; many Americans,  
10 including countless Texans, trace their heritage to the Emerald  
11 Isle; St. Patrick's Day, Ireland's national holiday, is celebrated  
12 across America by people of all backgrounds, and the Irish  
13 contributions to the arts, education, and a range of other fields  
14 remain enormously influential; and

15           WHEREAS, The Government of Ireland opened a Consulate in  
16 Texas in 2015 and the visit by the Taoiseach marks the tenth  
17 anniversary of this significant decision to strengthen the  
18 relationship between Texas and Ireland; and

19           WHEREAS, Recognizing common values of freedom, democracy,  
20 and prosperity, Texas maintains an especially close partnership  
21 with Ireland; during his visit, Taoiseach Martin is working to  
22 increase the dynamism of our economic connections and to further  
23 the friendship and cooperation that have defined relations between  
24 the two lands; and

1           WHEREAS, A highly experienced public servant, Taoiseach  
2 Martin was first elected to Ireland's national parliament Dáil  
3 Éireann more than 35 years ago, and he has served in a number of  
4 prominent roles, including as Minister of Education and Science,  
5 Minister of Health and Children, Minister of Enterprise, Trade, and  
6 Employment, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Defence;  
7 before embarking on his career in public life he taught history, and  
8 he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, a master's degree in political  
9 history, and a higher diploma in education; and

10           WHEREAS, Taoiseach Micheál Martin has demonstrated a deep  
11 commitment to advancing mutual goals and reinforcing the beneficial  
12 bonds that link his country and ours, and the residents of Texas are  
13 honored to host him during his 2025 trip to the United States; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Taoiseach Micheál Martin on the occasion  
17 of his visit to Texas and celebrate our state's vibrant partnership  
18 with Ireland; and, be it further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Taoiseach Martin as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 474

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 474 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House