

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE RESOLUTION 442

Sponsors: Senator Graham.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 29, 2011

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS IRISH
2 HERITAGE MONTH.

3 Whereas, throughout our nation's history, the United States has welcomed millions
4 of Irish immigrants who, along with their descendants, have played a vital role in shaping the
5 history and culture of our nation; and

6 Whereas, North Carolinians of Irish descent have a long and distinguished record of
7 public service to the United States, including Presidents Andrew Jackson, James Knox Polk,
8 and Andrew Johnson and members of the Congress Richard Dobbs Spaight and Hugh
9 Williamson; and

10 Whereas, North Carolinians of Irish descent have been leaders within the State,
11 including Governor Thomas Burke and Judge William Joseph Gaston; and

12 Whereas, in every American war and conflict, Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans
13 have fought and shed blood in defense of the liberty, freedom, and opportunity America
14 afforded them, and among those making this most important of sacrifices were 20 generals in
15 George Washington's Army, and Audie Murphy, the most highly decorated soldier in World
16 War II; and

17 Whereas, Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans have distinguished themselves in
18 the fields of commerce, entertainment, and the arts through the ingenuity and spirit of
19 innovation exemplified by Henry Ford and the award-winning talents of Bing Crosby, Judy
20 Garland, and many others; Now, therefore,
21 Be it resolved by the Senate:

22 **SECTION 1.** The Senate recognizes the month of March as Irish Heritage Month
23 in celebration and appreciation of all of the contributions that Irish immigrants and
24 Irish-Americans have made and continue to make to this nation and our State.

25 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

