



## 2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 129

February 20, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives VOS, MURPHY and DOYLE,  
cosponsored by Senator QUINN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** celebrating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between  
2           Ireland and the United States.

3           Whereas, on October 7, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge accepted the  
4     credentials of Timothy Smiddy as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State;  
5     and

6           Whereas, as Smiddy noted in his address to President Coolidge, the United  
7     States became the first nation to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Irish  
8     Free State after its long struggle for existence; and

9           Whereas, Smiddy also noted that “there will always exist between the United  
10    States and the Irish Free State feelings of deep friendship and high esteem”; and

11          Whereas, this prediction has proven true, as the two nations now celebrate a  
12    century of mutual support and admiration; and

13          Whereas, Americans’ ancestral ties to Ireland form the bedrock of this  
14    relationship, with nearly one in 10 Americans—and more than 20 U.S.  
15    presidents—claiming Irish forebears; and

