



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 130

February 26, 2024 - Introduced by Senators QUINN and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, MURPHY and DOYLE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

