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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO
STUDY THE BENEFITS OF A FORMAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND PROPOSE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE
INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the United States exported to Ireland
twenty-four billion one hundred million dollars
(\$24,100,000,000) in goods, including:

A. seven billion three hundred sixty million
dollars (\$7,360,000,000) in planes, helicopters and
spacecraft;

B. three billion sixty million dollars
(\$3,060,000,000) in vaccines, blood, antisera, toxins and
cultures; and

C. one billion two hundred ten million dollars
(\$1,210,000,000) in crude petroleum; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, exports of United
States products to Ireland have increased at an annualized
rate of almost four percent, from twenty billion dollars
(\$20,000,000,000) in 2018 to twenty-four billion one hundred
million dollars (\$24,100,000,000) in 2023; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Ireland exported to the United States
sixty-seven billion four hundred million dollars
(\$67,400,000,000) in goods, including:

1 A. eighteen billion three hundred million dollars
2 (\$18,300,000,000) in vaccines, blood, antisera, toxins and
3 cultures;

4 B. twelve billion nine hundred million dollars
5 (\$12,900,000,000) in packaged medicaments; and

6 C. seven billion nine hundred sixty million
7 dollars (\$7,960,000,000) in hormones; and

8 WHEREAS, over the past five years, exports of Irish
9 products to the United States have increased at an annualized
10 rate of almost six percent, from fifty-one billion dollars
11 (\$51,000,000,000) in 2018 to sixty-seven billion four hundred
12 million dollars (\$67,400,000,000) in 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico and Ireland have a more-than-two-
14 hundred-year history of deep cultural, religious and business
15 ties; and

16 WHEREAS, many Irish immigrants came to our state during
17 the European famines and New Mexico mining booms of the
18 1800s; and

19 WHEREAS, the former St. Elizabeth hospital and Christus
20 St. Vincent regional medical center were both established by
21 Irish nurses; and

22 WHEREAS, Glanbia nutritionals and Intel have made
23 significant investments in New Mexico and Ireland, creating
24 with other companies exports to Ireland of sixty-seven
25 billion four hundred million dollars (\$67,400,000,000) and

1 imports from Ireland of twenty billion dollars
2 (\$20,000,000,000); and

3 WHEREAS, Glanbia nutritionals has a fifty percent stake
4 in Southwest cheese, located in Clovis, and has invested at
5 least one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) for
6 plant expansion, employing four hundred people locally and
7 producing ten percent of the cheddar cheese made in the
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's economy could benefit from
10 increased bilateral trade and investment opportunities with
11 Ireland, joint policy actions, business and academic
12 exchanges and mutual investments in infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, economic ties with Ireland can provide access
14 to the European Union for New Mexico companies, thereby
15 fostering economic growth in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, thirty-six states have passed or are
17 considering legislation establishing an Irish trade
18 commission;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New
21 Mexico legislative council request the appropriate interim
22 legislative committee addressing economic development issues
23 to study the benefits of a formal economic relationship with
24 the Republic of Ireland, including establishing a New
25 Mexico-Ireland trade commission to advance bilateral trade

1 and investment between Ireland and New Mexico, and make
2 recommendations for legislative initiatives for the 2026
3 legislative session; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
6 council and the secretary of economic development. _____

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