

HRES 744

Expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Apr 4, 2006)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hyde, Henry J. [R-IL-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	R · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Apr 4, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 555	Related bill	<b>Nov 15, 2005:</b> Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.
109 SRES 173	Related bill	<b>Jul 13, 2005:</b> Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8245)

## Summary (as of Apr 4, 2006)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Reiterates the House of Representatives' support for the Good Friday Agreement as the blueprint for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Commends: (1) the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair and the Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern for their leadership in seeing to a peaceful resolution in Northern Ireland; (2) the Sinn Fein leadership in successfully urging the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to end its armed struggle and put its weapons beyond use; (3) the leadership of Sir Hugh S. Orde, Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, and the Police Service for institution of the Historical Equities Team; (4) Nuala O'Loan and the Police Ombudsman's Office for promoting human rights in law enforcement; and (5) the Northern Irish Policing Board and its District Partnerships for promoting genuine community policing in Northern Ireland.

Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that: (1) all groups and organizations should end their involvement in paramilitary activity; (2) all Northern Ireland political parties should agree to share power according to the democratic mandate of the Good Friday Agreement, commit to work in good faith with all the institutions of the Good Friday Agreement, and work toward participating with the Police Service of Northern Ireland; and (3) the government of the United Kingdom and the government of Ireland should work to fully implement the Good Friday Agreement.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2006:** Mr. Leach moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1407-1411)
- **Apr 4, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 744.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1419-1420)
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399 - 1, 1 Present (Roll no. 84).(text: CR H1407)
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- **Mar 29, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on International Relations.