Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) introduced a resolution, H. Res. 1252 , commending the people and political leadership of Northern Ireland on reaching the Hillsborough Agreement on policing and justice.

"Affirming the Hillsborough Agreement and creating a Department of Justice for Northern Ireland marks a major landmark in the effort to establish true and lasting peace," Rooney said. "This agreement is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and the St. Andrews Agreement of 2006."

The Northern Ireland Assembly voted to affirm the Hillsborough Agreement and endorse the devolution of policing and justice, creating a Department of Justice for Northern Ireland, on March 9, 2010.

Rooney worked for Seamus Mallon (MP, Newry and Armagh) during the 1995 Forum for Peace and Reconciliation in Dublin. He is also a nephew of U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Dan Rooney.

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