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America is rich in the traditions and cultures of many lands, but none has blessed us more than the wit and wisdom of Ireland. The shamrock and emerald green of the Irish long ago became part of the American inheritance.

Some sixteen million Americans are of Irish descent and on St. Patrick's Day millions more claim to be Irish in spirit. Theirs is a gallant and joyous spirit and we in the United States are proud to have it in our heritage.

Gerald R. Ford

