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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 2016 as "Caribbean  
3 Heritage Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic  
6 paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from  
7 which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that  
8 reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

9 WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders,  
10 activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians,  
11 Caribbean Americans have made their mark in every facet of our  
12 society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of  
13 our state and nation, and

14 WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of  
15 the Caribbean are civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois; United  
16 States Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; United  
17 States Secretary of State Colin Powell; United States  
18 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; Oscar-nominated actress Cicely  
19 Tyson; Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier; author, poet, and  
20 civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson; musician, actor, and  
21 social activist Harry Belafonte; Haitian Revolution General  
22 Henri Christophe; actor and author Louise Bennett-Coverley; and  
23 numerous others who have displayed great strength and resiliency  
24 while serving as pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

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25           WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of  
26 immigrants, united by common values and by the promise of a  
27 better tomorrow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
30 Florida:

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32           That June 2016 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"  
33 in the State of Florida and all communities and individuals  
34 throughout the state and nation are encouraged to honor their  
35 culture and historical bonds and reminded that America's  
36 greatness lies in its diversity.