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1 House Resolution 2 A resolution honoring the National Association 3 of Black Scuba Divers. 4 5 WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Scuba б Divers, headquartered in the District of Columbia, is a 7 nonprofit organization comprised of African American and 8 Caribbean sport divers, and 9 WHEREAS, organized in 1991 by instructor, underwater 10 photographer, and marine environmentalist Richard V. Powell 11 and Dr. A. Jose Jones, the National Association of Black Scuba 12 Divers provides a network for the exchange of information 13 sensitive to the needs of minority scuba enthusiasts, and 14 WHEREAS, with a commitment to the development of the next generation, the National Association of Black Scuba 15 16 Divers promotes the sport of scuba diving, environmental awareness, and conservation among ethnic people and provides 17 18 scholarships for minority students studying marine and 19 environmental science, and 20 WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Scuba Divers 21 has been instrumental in spreading scuba diving to thousands 22 of students who otherwise might not have had the opportunity 23 to learn the sport, and its annual summits attract not only divers, but also underwater photographers, educators, 24 scientists, and historians from across the United States and 25 26 the Caribbean, and 27 WHEREAS, in an emotional ceremony sponsored by the 28 National Association of Black Scuba Divers in 1993 to memorialize the courage, pain, and suffering of all African 29 people enslaved during the four-century trade in human lives, 30 31 divers lowered a bronze plaque mounted on a one-ton concrete 1

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base to the watery resting place of the slave ship Henrietta Marie, which sank in the early 1700's in the waters 35 miles west of Key West, and WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Scuba Divers provides a forum for the discussion of means by which ethnic б scuba divers may contribute to the well-being and future of children, teenagers, and young adults, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to commend and honor the National Association of Black Scuba Divers. 

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