

By Representative Valdes

House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the 37th anniversary
of the Bay of Pigs invasion, on April 17, 1998.

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1959, a Communist dictator took
over the government of the Republic of Cuba, and

WHEREAS, there began immediately afterward a massive
exodus of Cuban nationals, most of whom came to the United
States, and

WHEREAS, men and women of American and Cuban origin
decided that the only way to overthrow the Communist
dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba was through an
armed invasion, and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1961, almost fifteen hundred men,
trained, directed, armed, and equipped by the United States,
landed on the southern coast of Cuba in an area known as
"Bahia de Cochinos" (Bay of Pigs), and

WHEREAS, for the next few days, these men fought
against an army immensely superior in manpower, firepower, and
supplies, and

WHEREAS, in the course of battle, almost one hundred
men died, including several who were captured and immediately
assassinated by the forces of the Cuban dictator, and

WHEREAS, almost all of the remaining forces were
captured and imprisoned for almost eighteen months, and

WHEREAS, these men were subsequently ransomed by
President John F. Kennedy, returned to the United States, and
became productive members of our society without ever
forgetting their native country, Cuba, and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1998, the 37th anniversary of the
Bay of Pigs invasion will be commemorated, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives hereby honors and
5 extends its congratulations to Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault
6 Brigade 2506) and to all its members, living and deceased.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of
9 Representatives hereby expresses its desire for the prompt
10 liberation of the Republic of Cuba from the Communist
11 dictatorship that oppresses all its people.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
14 be presented to Brigada de Asalto 2506 as a tangible token of
15 the sentiments expressed herein.

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