1	House Resolution
2	A resolution designating January 29 as "Thomas
3	Paine Day."
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5	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was born on January 29, 1737, and
6	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine, a peer of George Washington,
7	James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, a
8	leader of the American Revolution, and one of the Founding
9	Fathers of the United States, was one of the most brilliant
10	political philosophers of his time, and
11	WHEREAS, in his classic work "Common Sense," Thomas
12	Paine crystallized the American Colonies' decision for
13	independence, and
14	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine supported the American Revolution
15	through personal service, his personal finances, and his
16	inspirational "Crisis Papers," and
17	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was the first person to pen the
18	title "the United States of America," and
19	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was a forerunner of Abraham
20	Lincoln, advocating the abolition of slavery years before
21	Lincoln was born, and
22	WHEREAS, Thomas Paine's book "The Rights of Man"
23	remains today as the defining work on democracy, and
24	WHEREAS, just as the passionate nature of his writing
25	set the course of America for democracy over 200 years ago,
26	Thomas Paine's life and work continue to inspire people the
27	world over who seek liberty and democracy, and
28	WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that Thomas
29	Paine, one of the greatest contributors to the foundation of
30	the United States, and to the principles of liberty and
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democracy throughout the world, be accorded the honor and recognition that has long been overdue him, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby designates January 29 as "Thomas Paine Day" throughout the State of Florida.