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House Resolution

A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion, on April 17, 2001.

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, 2001, the 40th 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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