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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution observing April 17, 2003, as the 42nd  
3 anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion.  
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5 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1959, a Communist dictator seized  
6 the government of the Republic of Cuba, occasioning a massive  
7 exodus of Cuban nationals, most of whom immigrated to the United  
8 States, and

9 WHEREAS, men and women of both American and Cuban origin  
10 determined that only an armed invasion could overthrow the  
11 Communist dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba and, on  
12 April 17, 1961, almost 1,500 men, trained, directed, armed, and  
13 equipped by the United States, landed on the southern coast of  
14 Cuba in an area known as "Bahia de Cochinos," or "Bay of Pigs,"  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, during the next few days, in the course of a  
17 battle against an army immensely superior in manpower,  
18 firepower, and supplies, nearly 100 men lost their lives,  
19 including several who were captured and immediately  
20 assassinated, and

21 WHEREAS, the greater part of the remaining forces was  
22 captured and, after being imprisoned for close to 18 months,  
23 these men were ransomed by President John F. Kennedy and  
24 returned to the United States, where they became productive  
25 members of this nation's society, never, however, forgetting  
26 their beloved native land, and

27 WHEREAS, April 17, 2003, marks the 42nd anniversary of the  
28 Bay of Pigs invasion, an event held in the hearts of all who  
29 long for the liberation of the Republic of Cuba, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32 Florida:

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34 That the House of Representatives expresses its great  
35 respect for and admiration of all members of Brigada de Asalto  
36 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506), both living and deceased, and joins  
37 them in their fervent desire for the liberation from Communist  
38 dictatorship of the Republic of Cuba and its oppressed people.

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

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