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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Hellenic ancestry of today's inhabitants of the Northern Province of Greece.

WHEREAS, Philip II of Macedonia, his son, Alexander the Great, and Aristotle were born and raised in what was then a province of Greece known as Macedonia, and

WHEREAS, the language and culture of the ancient Macedonians had Hellenic roots, as did the ancestors of the inhabitants of northern Greece today, and

WHEREAS, the Macedonians, along with the rest of the Hellenes of antiquity, believed in the 12 gods of Olympus and participated with their fellow Hellenes in the Olympic Games, and

WHEREAS, Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, and Vergina, the burial site of the Macedonian kings, are located in today's northern Greece, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives acknowledges the Hellenic ancestry of the ancient Macedonians and recognizes that the current inhabitants of the Northern Province of Greece are the descendants of the historic Hellenes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives recognizes that the history of ancient Macedonia has been Hellenic for more than 3,000 years and continues to be so today.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Stelios Sevastos, Southeastern District Governor of



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31 the Pan-Macedonian Association, Inc., as a tangible token of the
32 sentiments expressed herein.