

HR 9075

2004

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution observing April 17, 2004, as the 43rd
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,"
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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, 2004, marks the 43rd 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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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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

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