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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 23, 2005, as "Free Cuba
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, for more than four decades, Cuba's communist
6 dictatorship has denied the Cuban people such basic civil
7 liberties as freedom of speech and religion and has been
8 condemned repeatedly by the United Nations for human rights
9 abuses and denounced again and again by international human
10 rights organizations for the persecution of peaceful dissidents
11 and political prisoners, and

12 WHEREAS, having declared unequivocal hostility and enmity
13 toward the United States and its free, democratic way of life,
14 the Cuban government is harboring fugitives from United States
15 justice, is attempting to develop biochemical weaponry, and has
16 been designated by the United States Department of State as an
17 official state sponsor of terrorism, and

18 WHEREAS, the people of Cuba, oppressed for 46 years by the
19 nation's terrorist, communistic regime, have struggled to
20 achieve freedom and democracy under the courageous leadership of
21 opposition members and human rights activists on the island,
22 bolstered by the vigorous support of the Cuban-American exile
23 community, but the present dictatorship steadfastly refuses to
24 allow free, fair, open elections in the Cuban citizens' effort
25 toward self-determination, and

26 WHEREAS, Florida, home to over one million Cuban-American
27 exiles who have contributed positively to the social, political,
28 and economic well-being of the state, maintains stronger

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29 historical and cultural links to Cuba than any other state in
30 our nation and harbors only good will toward the people of Cuba
31 in their aspirations to achieve liberty and a freely elected
32 government in which they, their families, and their future
33 generations may live in peace and prosperity in a free and open
34 society, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That the House of Representatives recognizes the courageous
40 quest for freedom by the dauntless opposition leaders inside
41 Cuba, expresses its solidarity with Cuba's freedom-seeking
42 people, and, as an expression of its desire that they may have
43 unlimited success in their upcoming national conference on May
44 20, designates March 23, 2005, as "Free Cuba Day" in Florida.