

1 Chicago; Claude McKay, a poet of the Harlem Renaissance; James
2 Weldon Johnson, the writer of the Black National Anthem;
3 Shirley Chisolm, the first African-American Congresswoman and
4 first African-American woman candidate for President; and
5 Celia Cruz, the world renowned queen of Salsa music, and
6 WHEREAS, the many influential Caribbean-Americans in
7 the history of the United States also include Colin Powell,
8 the first African-American Secretary of State; Sidney Poitier,
9 the first African-American actor to receive the Academy Award
10 for best actor in a leading role; Harry Belafonte, a musician,
11 actor, and activist; Marion Jones, an Olympic gold medalist;
12 Roberto Clemente, the first Latino inducted into the baseball
13 hall of fame; and Al Roker, a meteorologist and television
14 personality, and
15 WHEREAS, Caribbean-Americans have played an active role
16 in the civil rights movement and other social and political
17 movement in the United States, and
18 WHEREAS, Caribbean-Americans have contributed greatly
19 to education, fine arts, business, literature, journalism,
20 sports, fashion, politics, government, the military, music,
21 science, technology, and other endeavors in the United States,
22 and
23 WHEREAS, Caribbean-Americans share their culture
24 through carnivals, festivals, music, dance, film, and
25 literature that enrich the cultural landscape of the United
26 States, and
27 WHEREAS, the countries of the Caribbean are important
28 economic partners of the United States, and
29 WHEREAS, the countries of the Caribbean represent the
30 United States third border, and
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1 WHEREAS, the people of the Caribbean region share the
2 hopes and aspirations of the people of the United States for
3 peace and prosperity throughout the Western Hemisphere and the
4 rest of the world, and

5 WHEREAS, June is an appropriate month to establish a
6 Caribbean-American Heritage Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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8 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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10 That the month of June is recognized as
11 "Caribbean-American Heritage Month" in Florida and the people
12 of this state are encouraged to observe the month with
13 appropriate ceremonies, celebrations, and activities.

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