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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2007.

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4 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo celebrates the triumph of a small
5 Mexican army over the French army that outnumbered them by more
6 than two to one at the Battalla de Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the
7 Mexican town of Puebla, and

8 WHEREAS, the Mexican victory at Puebla became a symbol of
9 Mexican unity and patriotism and inspired the Mexican people to
10 fight with renewed determination, and

11 WHEREAS, the battle commemorated by Cinco de Mayo is
12 important to Mexico and Latin America for many reasons,
13 especially because it filled the Mexican people with great pride
14 and enthusiasm for their country, it demonstrated that some of
15 the best troops in Europe could be defeated by a small but
16 determined group, and it symbolized the people's right to self-
17 determination and national sovereignty, and

18 WHEREAS, the United States sent forces to Mexico to help
19 drive out the French, and Mexico became one of the staunchest
20 and most loyal allies of the United States, joining the United
21 States in fighting many wars, including World War II and the
22 Persian Gulf War, and

23 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo celebrates freedom and liberty, two
24 ideals that Mexicans and Americans have fought shoulder to
25 shoulder to protect ever since the 5th of May, 1862, and

26 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico,
27 which is celebrated with speeches and parades, and is also

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28 | celebrated in many cities in the United States where it has
 29 | become an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic culture, and

30 | WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo has become a celebration for both
 31 | Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike that educates people about
 32 | Mexican history and celebrates Hispanic culture, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 35 | Florida:

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 37 | That the House of Representatives joins all Floridians in
 38 | commemorating the Battle of Puebla, congratulating the Mexican
 39 | people on their historic victory and patriotism, and encouraging
 40 | the celebration of Mexican and Hispanic culture and history in
 41 | Florida by celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2007.