

HR 9023

2008

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 2008 as "Nicaraguan-
3 American Heritage Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Nicaraguan-Americans constitute the second largest
6 Hispanic community in the state and one of the largest Hispanic
7 communities in Miami-Dade County, and

8 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Nicaraguan population began
9 its rapid growth in September of 1972, following an earthquake
10 in Managua, Nicaragua, and

11 WHEREAS, the largest group of Nicaraguan immigrants arrived
12 in the state in September of 1979, after escaping the communist
13 regime in Nicaragua, and

14 WHEREAS, this influx of new citizens has helped contribute
15 to the economy of the state and to an increase in trade between
16 Florida and Nicaragua, and

17 WHEREAS, Nicaraguan-Americans also contribute significantly
18 to the cultural diversity and richness of the state, NOW,
19 THEREFORE,

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

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24 That September 2008 is recognized as "Nicaraguan-American
25 Heritage Month" in the State of Florida, and the people of this
26 state are called upon to observe the month by participating in
27 programs, ceremonies, and activities celebrating the historical
28 and cultural contributions of Nicaraguan-Americans.