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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 9-10, 2008, as "Haitian-  
3 American Days" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives takes great pride in  
6 celebrating and honoring the significance of the Haitian-  
7 American community in Florida, and

8 WHEREAS, Haitian-American prominence in Florida began in  
9 the 1970s, following the deterioration of the political and  
10 economic environment in Haiti under a totalitarian regime, and

11 WHEREAS, as of the year 2000, Florida had the largest  
12 percentage of Haitian-Americans in the United States, with a  
13 population of approximately 233,000 Haitian-American citizens,  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, as a result of the hard work and dedication of its  
16 pioneer leaders, the Haitian-American community in Florida has  
17 succeeded in creating stable organizations that serve the  
18 community in various areas, and

19 WHEREAS, Haitian-Americans have readily assimilated within  
20 Floridian society and have contributed to the state in the  
21 political, economic, educational, professional, and cultural  
22 fields, among others, and

23 WHEREAS, the Haitian-American community in Florida is a  
24 vital, vibrant part of the state's rich culture and history and  
25 essential to its future development, NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
28 Florida:

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30           That April 9-10, 2008, are recognized as "Haitian-American  
31 Days" in Florida, and the members of the Haitian-American  
32 delegation are commended for their continuing efforts to ensure  
33 a thriving and united Haitian-American community in this state.

34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
35 presented to the Haitian Historical Museum as a tangible token  
36 of the sentiments expressed herein.