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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 17, 2009, as "Bay of Pigs
3 Memorial Day" in Florida and commending the Bay of Pigs
4 Museum and Library of the 2506 Assault Brigade for its
5 excellent work in preserving photos and memorabilia of the
6 history of the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

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8 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1959, a Communist dictator seized
9 the government of the Republic of Cuba, occasioning a massive
10 exodus of Cuban nationals, most of whom immigrated to the United
11 States, and

12 WHEREAS, men and women of both American and Cuban origin
13 determined that only an armed invasion could overthrow the
14 Communist dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba, and, on
15 April 17, 1961, almost 1,500 men, trained, directed, armed, and
16 equipped by the United States, landed on the southern coast of
17 Cuba in an area known as "Bahia de Chochinos" or "Bay of Pigs,"
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19 WHEREAS, during the next few days, in the course of a
20 battle against an army immensely superior in manpower,
21 firepower, and supplies, nearly 100 men lost their lives,
22 including several who were captured and immediately
23 assassinated, and

24 WHEREAS, the greater part of the remaining forces was
25 captured, and, after being imprisoned for close to 20 months,
26 these men were ransomed by President John F. Kennedy and
27 returned to the United States, where they became productive

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28 | members of this nation's society, never, however, forgetting
29 | their beloved native land, and

30 | WHEREAS, April 17, 2009, marks the 48th anniversary of the
31 | Bay of Pigs Invasion, an event held in the hearts of all who
32 | long for the liberation of the Republic of Cuba, 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 Florida House of Representatives:

38 | (1) Designates April 17, 2009, as "Bay of Pigs Memorial
39 | Day" in Florida;

40 | (2) Expresses its great respect for and admiration of all
41 | members of Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506), both
42 | living and deceased, and joins them in their fervent desire for
43 | the liberation from Communist dictatorship of the Republic of
44 | Cuba and its oppressed people; and

45 | (3) Commends the Bay of Pigs Museum and Library for its
46 | excellent work in preserving photos and memorabilia of the
47 | history of the Bay of Pigs Invasion.

48 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
49 | presented to Brigada de Asalto 2506 as a tangible token of the
50 | sentiments expressed herein.