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## House Resolution

A resolution celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2009.

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo celebrates the triumph of the Mexican army, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza, over the French army of Napoleon III at the Battalla de Puebla on May 5, 1862, in the Mexican city of Puebla, and

WHEREAS, the triumph of Mexican forces at the Battle of Puebla prevented France from installing a European monarch, the Austrian Archduke, Maximilian, and

WHEREAS, enduring French occupation until 1867, the citizens of Mexico first celebrated Cinco de Mayo under French rule and subsequently renamed the city where the French were defeated to Puebla de Zaragoza, and

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

WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico, which is celebrated with speeches and parades, and is also celebrated in many communities and cities throughout the United States, where it has become an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic culture, and

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

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

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30           That the House of Representatives joins all Floridians in  
31 commemorating the Battle of Puebla, congratulating the Mexican  
32 people on their historic victory and patriotism, and encouraging  
33 the celebration of Mexican and Hispanic culture and history in  
34 Florida by celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2009.