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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating February 24, 2010, as the "Day of
3 the Cuban Exile."

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5 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1895, Jose Marti and the patriotic
6 Mambises initiated the final and triumphant battle for the
7 freedom of Cuba against the forces of foreign domination, and

8 WHEREAS, since the heroic achievement of Cuban
9 independence, the Republic of Cuba played an important role in
10 the development of Western values until, in 1959, under the
11 guise of democratic reform, the forces of Communism took over
12 the island, and

13 WHEREAS, the implementation of Communism led to the
14 dismantling of Cuba's institutions and the suppression of its
15 democratic ideals, while fueling the ambitions and malice of
16 politicians, guerillas, drug traffickers, demagogues, and
17 tyrannical political candidates, and

18 WHEREAS, when the Communist dictatorship took control of
19 the island, the citizens of Cuba continued to battle for freedom
20 and many Cubans were killed by firing squads, thousands were
21 imprisoned, and millions were exiled, and those who remain
22 continue to live and die without human rights and in extreme
23 poverty but have never renounced their dignity and passion for
24 justice, and

25 WHEREAS, Cubans who have escaped into exile remain an
26 enduring and indivisible element of the eternal Cuba and
27 continue to seek solidarity with all freedom-loving, democratic

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28 governments and nations in their crusade for God, Country, and
29 Liberty, and

30 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1996, four members of Brothers to
31 the Rescue, a group formed by Cuban exiles to assist refugees
32 escaping from Cuba, were assassinated by the Cuban Air Force as
33 they flew a humanitarian mission in international waters, and

34 WHEREAS, the date February 24 holds a special historical
35 and emotional significance for Cuban exiles, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 That February 24, 2010, is designated as the "Day of the
41 Cuban Exile."