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## House Resolution

A resolution designating April 17, 2011, as "Bay of Pigs Memorial Day" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, men and women of both American and Cuban origin determined that only an armed invasion could overthrow the Communist dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba, and, on April 17, 1961, almost 1,500 men, trained, directed, armed, and equipped by the United States, landed on the southern coast of Cuba in an area known as "Bahia de Cochinos," or "Bay of Pigs," and

WHEREAS, during the next few days, in the course of a battle against an army immensely superior in manpower, firepower, and supplies, nearly 100 men lost their lives, including several who were captured and immediately assassinated, and

WHEREAS, the greater part of the remaining forces was captured, and, after being imprisoned for close to 20 months, these men were ransomed by President John F. Kennedy and returned to the United States, where they became productive members of this nation's society, never, however, forgetting their beloved native land, and

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27 WHEREAS, April 17, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the  
28 Bay of Pigs Invasion, an event held in the hearts of all who  
29 long for the liberation of the Republic of Cuba, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32 Florida:  
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34 That the Florida House of Representatives designates April  
35 17, 2011, as "Bay of Pigs Memorial Day" in Florida and expresses  
36 its great respect for and admiration of all members of Brigada  
37 de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506), both living and deceased,  
38 and joins them in their fervent desire for the liberation from  
39 Communist dictatorship of the Republic of Cuba and its oppressed  
40 people.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to Brigada de Asalto 2506 as a tangible token of the  
43 sentiments expressed herein.