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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 2011 as "Caribbean Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders and activists, musicians, and politicians, Caribbean Americans have made their mark in every facet of our society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of our state and nation, and

WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of the Caribbean are activist W.E.B. Du Bois; Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; Secretary of State Colin Powell; actress Cicely Tyson; actor Sidney Poitier; author, poet, and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson; musician, actor, and activist Harry Belafonte; and numerous others who have displayed great strength and resiliency while serving as pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

WHEREAS, the modern political influences of Caribbean Americans are evident in the election of former member of the House of Representatives, Jennifer Carroll of Trinidad and Tobago, as Florida's first Caribbean American Lieutenant Governor; the appointment of former member of the House of Representatives, Ronald Brisé of Haiti, to the Florida Public Service Commission; and the continued representation in both the

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29 | House of Representatives and the Senate by members from the  
30 | Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Haiti, and Jamaica, and

31 |       WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of  
32 | immigrants, united by common values and by the promise of a  
33 | better tomorrow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
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38 |       That June 2011 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"  
39 | in the State of Florida to encourage communities and individuals  
40 | throughout the state and the nation to honor their cultural and  
41 | historical bonds and be reminded that America's greatness lies  
42 | in its diversity.