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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the Haitian American Nurses
3 Association of Florida, Inc.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1984, two registered professional nurses
6 practicing in Miami, Alice Casimir and Jacqueline Dasque, saw
7 the need to establish an organization that would provide health
8 care services to migrant workers in the Homestead area and,
9 along with other professionals, founded the Haitian American
10 Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., and

11 WHEREAS, this nonprofit membership organization was
12 established in order to provide Haitian nurses with the
13 opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of
14 interest to the profession of nursing, and to become effectively
15 involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and
16 welfare of Florida's Haitian community, and

17 WHEREAS, the Haitian American Nurses Association of
18 Florida, Inc., strives to increase the enrollment of Haitian
19 students in nursing schools in both Florida and Haiti through
20 scholarships, educational and mentoring opportunities, and
21 facilitation of community networking among its members, and

22 WHEREAS, in collaboration with other community
23 organizations, the association provides culturally sensitive
24 care while promoting health and wellness by offering annual
25 preventive health screenings and providing education regarding
26 high blood pressure, diabetic management, immunization,
27 HIV/AIDS, obesity, various cancers, heart disease, aging, and
28 other health concerns, and

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29 WHEREAS, in its commitment to reshaping the health care
30 delivery system for citizens of Florida and of Haiti, the
31 Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., has
32 partnered with many organizations throughout the state and
33 nation, including Miami Dade College, the Miami-Dade County
34 Health Department, the Florida Heart Research Institute, the
35 Florida Nurses Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
36 Florida, the Haitian American Professionals Coalition, the
37 American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society,
38 among others, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 That the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida,
44 Inc., is honored for its commitment to health care and education
45 both within the Haitian community and throughout the state and
46 is commended for its invaluable contributions to public health
47 and well-being.