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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 16, 2011, as "World Circus
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the circus in America is a beloved and enduring
6 art form and part of our rich cultural heritage, and

7 WHEREAS, for over 200 years, the circus has entertained
8 generations of American families with amazing feats of physical
9 skill, comedy, theater, and music, while exposing us to the
10 cultures and wonders of the world, and

11 WHEREAS, today's circus continues to amaze and inspire
12 children of all ages by bridging generations and cultures in the
13 pursuit of the very best in circus arts and skills, and

14 WHEREAS, the circus plays an important role in the
15 conservation of endangered species by exposing people to the
16 intelligence, strength, and agility of its amazing animal
17 partners while drawing public attention to the need to protect
18 and preserve them, and

19 WHEREAS, Florida is home to many of the best-known and
20 longest-operating circuses in the country, including Ringling
21 Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, the Greatest Show on Earth, currently
22 celebrating its 141st year in 2011, and

23 WHEREAS, the Ringling Bros. Center for Elephant
24 Conservation in central Florida is home to the largest herd of
25 Asian elephants outside of Asia and is dedicated to the study,
26 conservation, and future of the species, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida is also home to many world class youth
28 circuses as well as the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art

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29 Circus Museum in Sarasota, one of the premier circus museums in
30 the world, and

31 WHEREAS, in 2008, the World Circus Federation was created
32 under the patronage of S.A.S. Princess Stephanie of Monaco to
33 honor the legacy of her late father Prince Rainier III, a patron
34 of circus arts and culture, and

35 WHEREAS, the North American delegate to the federation is
36 the Outdoor Amusement Business Association (OABA), based in
37 Winter Park, representing many circuses throughout Florida and
38 the United States, and

39 WHEREAS, the federation established World Circus Day as an
40 opportunity for communities around the world to celebrate their
41 rich circus culture and heritage, and

42 WHEREAS, Florida should be recognized and celebrated for
43 its unique role as the circus capital of the world, NOW,
44 THEREFORE,

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

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49 That April 16, 2011, is recognized as "World Circus Day" in
50 Florida and all Floridians are urged to celebrate, promote, and
51 preserve Florida's rich circus culture and history.