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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the Haitian Heritage Museum for its commitment and continuing efforts in honoring the important contributions of Haitian Americans.

WHEREAS, the Haitian Heritage Museum was established to showcase the key roles Haitians and Haitian Americans have played in the history of the Americas, including trapper Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, who settled on the shore of Lake Michigan and established a trading post along the river at a point that would later become the City of Chicago; renowned poet and playwright Félix Morisseau-Leroy, a father of the Creole Renaissance; and the many nameless brave individuals who rose up and fought in the Haitian Revolution, the largest and most successful slave rebellion in the Western Hemisphere, and

WHEREAS, incorporated on March 3, 2004, as the only museum of its kind in the United States, the Haitian Heritage Museum is a nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the rich historic contributions of Haiti, and

WHEREAS, located in Miami's internationally known "Design District," the Haitian Heritage Museum houses a growing collection of over 200 paintings and artifacts and has provided art exhibitions, cultural arts events, and educational programming as platforms to inspire and enrich South Florida's cultural diversity and community development within the arts, and

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28 WHEREAS, rated "Best Museum in Miami" by the Miami New
29 Times, the Haitian Heritage Museum has over the course of 6
30 years provided successful programs, including the Month of May,
31 Dancin in the District, Ayiti Exposé, and Museum Magnet, all
32 geared towards increasing the cultural awareness of African-
33 American and Haitian cultures, and

34 WHEREAS, inspired by the need to link all Haitian Americans
35 in the Diaspora, dedicated to serve as a cultural Mecca for not
36 only Haitian Americans of South Florida but Haitian Americans
37 throughout the United States and abroad, and committed to create
38 a legacy for future generations of young Haitian Americans, the
39 Haitian Heritage Museum continues to serve as a catalyst for
40 urban revitalization, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
43 Florida:

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45 That the Haitian Heritage Museum is recognized and
46 commended for its efforts in honoring and celebrating the
47 important contributions and achievements of Haitian Americans.