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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 2013 as "Caribbean
3 Heritage Month" in the State of Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic
6 paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from
7 which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that
8 reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

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

14 WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of
15 the Caribbean are activist W.E.B. Du Bois; United States
16 Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; United States
17 Secretary of State Colin Powell; Oscar-nominated actress Cicely
18 Tyson; Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier; author, poet, and
19 civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson; musician, actor, and
20 social activist Harry Belafonte; Haitian Revolution General
21 Henri Christophe; actor and author Louise Bennett-Coverley;
22 former Florida Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll; and
23 numerous others who have displayed great strength and resiliency
24 while serving as pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

25 WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of
26 immigrants, united by common values and by the promise of a
27 better tomorrow, and

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28 WHEREAS, in 2013, the political influence of Caribbean
29 Americans in the Florida Legislature is evident and is
30 represented in both the House of Representatives and the Senate
31 by members from the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Haiti, and
32 Jamaica, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 Florida:

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37 That June 2013 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"
38 in the State of Florida and all communities and individuals
39 throughout the state and nation are encouraged to honor their
40 culture and historical bonds and reminded that America's
41 greatness lies in its diversity.