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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution celebrating April 2013 as "Jazz
3 Appreciation Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, with roots in the African-American community and
6 created in the early 20th century, jazz played a major role in
7 the cultural and social history of America, and

8 WHEREAS, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and
9 Florida State University have jazz studies departments within
10 their respective schools of music that teach and train the next
11 generations of jazz musicians, and

12 WHEREAS, B Sharps Jazz Club and several other venues in
13 Florida's capital city provide opportunities for students to
14 hone their skills and for the community to experience live jazz
15 music, and

16 WHEREAS, to increase jazz awareness in the state, the
17 Florida Jazz Initiative exposes youth to the sound and history
18 of this exceptional genre and presents and supports world-class
19 jazz musicians who are native to Florida, and

20 WHEREAS, the month of April is the birth month of such jazz
21 legends as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Herbie Hancock,
22 Billie Holiday, Charles Mingus, Gerry Mulligan, Tito Puente, and
23 Bessie Smith, and

24 WHEREAS, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of
25 American History, along with partners including the National
26 Endowment for the Arts, the National Association of Music
27 Education, and the Grammy Foundation have designated April as
28 "Jazz Appreciation Month" to draw greater public attention to

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29 | the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz as both a
30 | historic and living American art form, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 | Florida:

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35 | That April 2013 is celebrated as "Jazz Appreciation Month"
36 | in the State of Florida to honor the rich cultural history and
37 | sultry sound of jazz.