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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 9, 2014, as "Caribbean
3 Heritage Day" 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 State Colin Powell; United States Secretary of the
17 Treasury Alexander Hamilton; 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

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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

28 WHEREAS, in 2014, the political influence of Caribbean
29 Americans in the Florida Legislature is evident and represented
30 in the House of Representatives by Representative Daphne
31 Campbell, born in Haiti, and Representative Hazelle Rogers, born
32 in 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 April 9, 2014, is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage
38 Day" 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.