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House Resolution

A resolution congratulating the Miami Heat Basketball Team for winning its third National Basketball Association Championship.

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013, the Miami Heat won its third National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship by defeating the San Antonio Spurs at Miami, with a score of 95-88, in the seventh game of the NBA Finals, and

WHEREAS, former Head Coach and current team president Pat Riley led the team to its first championship in 2006, and current Head Coach Erik Spoelstra led the team to back-to-back championships in 2012 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Heat entered the NBA as an expansion franchise in the 1988-1989 season and has since won three NBA Championships, four Eastern Conference Championships, and ten division titles and has made a total of 17 playoff appearances, and

WHEREAS, under the exemplary leadership of its coaching staff, the Miami Heat, including LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh, Ray Allen, Chris Andersen, Joel Anthony, Shane Battier, Mario Chalmers, Norris Cole, Udonis Haslem, Juwan Howard, James Jones, Rashard Lewis, Mike Miller, and Jarvis Varnado, united to form the 2013 championship team, and

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WHEREAS, the Miami Heat's contributions extend well beyond the basketball court, as the organization has grown to become an integral part of the South Florida community through its public service efforts, including the NBA's Read to Achieve program, support for Miami-Dade's adult wheelchair basketball team, and the Shoot for the Stars program targeting youth education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That it is with great honor that the Miami Heat 2013
Basketball Team is saluted and recognized for winning its third
National Basketball Association Championship and for the
numerous accomplishments of its players, coaches, and owner
Micky Arison.

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