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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 17, 2014, as "Bay of
3 Pigs Memorial Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1959, a Communist dictator seized
6 the government of the Republic of Cuba, occasioning a massive
7 exodus of Cuban nationals, most of whom immigrated to the United
8 States, and

9 WHEREAS, men and women of both American and Cuban origin
10 determined that only an armed invasion could overthrow the
11 Communist dictatorship subjugating the people of Cuba, and, on
12 April 17, 1961, approximately 1,500 men, trained, directed,
13 armed, and equipped by the United States, landed on the southern
14 coast of Cuba in an area known as "Bahia de Cochinos," or "Bay
15 of Pigs," and

16 WHEREAS, during the next few days, in the course of a
17 battle against an army immensely superior in manpower,
18 firepower, and supplies, more than 100 men lost their lives,
19 including several who were captured and immediately
20 assassinated, and

21 WHEREAS, the greater part of the remaining forces was
22 captured, and, after being imprisoned for 20 months, these men
23 were ransomed by President John F. Kennedy and returned to the
24 United States, where they became productive members of this
25 nation's society, never, however, forgetting their beloved
26 native land, and

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27 WHEREAS, April 17, 2014, marks the 53rd anniversary of the
28 Bay of Pigs Invasion, an event held in the hearts of all who
29 long for the liberation of the Republic of Cuba, NOW, THEREFORE,
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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 Florida:
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34 That the Florida House of Representatives designates April
35 17, 2014, as "Bay of Pigs Memorial Day" in Florida and expresses
36 its great respect for and admiration of all members of Brigada
37 de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506), both living and deceased,
38 and recognizes their fervent desire for the liberation of their
39 people from the Communist dictatorship of the Republic of Cuba.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
41 presented to Brigada de Asalto 2506 as a tangible token of the
42 sentiments expressed herein.