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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the 77th anniversary of the Village of El Portal.

WHEREAS, incorporated on December 6, 1937, the Village of El Portal is a secluded, modern Garden of Eden that encompasses barely a square mile and has more than 2,300 residents in Miami-Dade County, just minutes from downtown Miami, and

WHEREAS, the Sherwood Forest, El Jardines, and El Portal divisions, which are now neighborhoods, united to form the Village of El Portal and appointed W. O. Robertson as its first Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the village derives its name from the Spanish term for "the gate," after the wooden gate that once stood as a gateway to the village, and includes primarily residential single-family cottages and bungalows that are prime examples of South Florida architecture of the 1930s and 1940s, and

WHEREAS, one of South Florida's most unique historical sites, Little River Mound is located in the village and was the first archaeological site to be publicly recognized and preserved in Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, while preserving its heritage, the village continues to make history by being the home of the Radar Memorial United Methodist Church, one of Miami-Dade County's oldest churches that was formed in 1923, and by being the first

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26 | community in the country to elect a Haitian American to its
27 | council in the 1990s, and

28 | WHEREAS, having previously served on the El Portal Council
29 | for 12 years, Daisy M. Black was reelected Mayor of the Village
30 | of El Portal in 2010, bringing with her a wealth of experience
31 | to benefit the village, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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36 | That the Village of El Portal and Mayor Daisy M. Black,
37 | Vice Mayor Linda Marcus, and Councilmembers Claudia V. Cubillos,
38 | Omarr C. Nickerson, and Adam Old are recognized on the occasion
39 | of the village's 77th anniversary.