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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of the
3 Haitian Heritage Museum.

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5 WHEREAS, incorporated on March 3, 2004, as the only museum
6 of its kind in the United States, the Haitian Heritage Museum is
7 a nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving,
8 interpreting, and celebrating the rich historic contributions of
9 Haiti, and

10 WHEREAS, the Haitian Heritage Museum was established to
11 showcase the key roles that Haitians and Haitian Americans have
12 played in the history of the Americas, including trapper Jean
13 Baptiste Point du Sable, who settled on the shore of Lake
14 Michigan and established a trading post along the river at a
15 point that would later become the City of Chicago; renowned poet
16 and playwright Félix Morisseau-Leroy, a father of the Creole
17 Renaissance; and the many nameless brave individuals who rose up
18 and fought in the Haitian Revolution, which has often been
19 described as the largest and most successful slave rebellion in
20 the Western Hemisphere, and

21 WHEREAS, located in Miami's internationally known "Design
22 District," the Haitian Heritage Museum houses a growing
23 collection of paintings and artifacts and has provided art
24 exhibitions, cultural arts events, and educational programming

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25 | as platforms to inspire and enrich South Florida's cultural
 26 | diversity and community development within the arts, and

27 | WHEREAS, in the past 10 years, numerous job opportunities
 28 | have been created through culturally relevant partnerships with
 29 | the local community, and a multitude of students from Miami-Dade
 30 | County have visited the museum, and

31 | WHEREAS, inspired by the need to link the Haitian diaspora,
 32 | dedicated to serving as a cultural epicenter for not only
 33 | Haitian Americans of South Florida but Haitians and Haitian
 34 | Americans throughout the United States and abroad, and committed
 35 | to creating a legacy for future generations of young Haitian
 36 | Americans, the Haitian Heritage Museum continues to serve as a
 37 | catalyst for urban revitalization, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 39 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 40 | Florida:

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 42 | That the Haitian Heritage Museum is honored on the occasion
 43 | of its 10th anniversary, commended for its efforts in honoring
 44 | and celebrating the important contributions of Haitian
 45 | Americans, and wished future success in all of its endeavors.