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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to recognize the month of May as
4 "Haitian American Heritage Month."
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6 WHEREAS, Haitian American Heritage Month is held to salute
7 the Haitian and Haitian American communities and to exhibit
8 appreciation for their culture and heritage which have
9 immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this nation,
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11 WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders,
12 activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians,
13 Haitian Americans have made their mark in every facet of society
14 and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of this
15 nation, and

16 WHEREAS, the close proximity of Haiti to American shores,
17 in conjunction with our common bond of mutual values and
18 commitment to democracy, ensures lasting comity of nations and
19 continued trade and diplomatic relations, and

20 WHEREAS, an estimated 1.5 million persons of Haitian
21 descent now live throughout this nation, and

22 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson and Congressman
23 Kendrick B. Meek, having acknowledged the importance of Haitian
24 Americans in this nation's history and diversity, have proposed
25 resolutions in the United States House of Representatives to

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26 recognize the month of May as "Haitian American Heritage Month"
27 in the United States, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 That the Congress of the United States is urged to
32 recognize the month of May as "Haitian American Heritage Month"
33 and to encourage the people of this nation to observe Haitian
34 American Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies,
35 celebrations, and activities.

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
38 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
39 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
40 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.