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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 30, 2017, as  
3 "Dominican-American Heritage Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, migration from the Dominican Republic to the  
6 United States began in the 1960s, in the wake of economic and  
7 political turbulence that occurred after dictator Rafael  
8 Trujillo was killed by rebels, and

9 WHEREAS, since 1990, the immigrant population from the  
10 Dominican Republic residing in the United States has been larger  
11 than other immigrant populations from the Caribbean, with the  
12 exception of immigrants from Cuba, and

13 WHEREAS, Florida has a longstanding tradition of  
14 acknowledging its richly diverse communities, and is one of five  
15 states with the largest concentration of Dominican Americans,  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, as of the 2010 census, there were over 170,000  
18 Dominican Americans residing throughout the state, with the  
19 largest populations in Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, and  
20 Hillsborough Counties, and

21 WHEREAS, Dominican Americans have been and continue to be a  
22 rich and unique addition to the state, sharing their diverse  
23 culture and cuisine, and

24 WHEREAS, Dominican Americans have made significant  
25 contributions to the United States in several fields, including

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26 | government, finance, education, sports, fashion, and the arts  
27 | and sciences, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
30 | Florida:

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32 |       That March 30, 2017, is recognized as "Dominican-American  
33 | Heritage Day" in Florida to celebrate the integral social and  
34 | cultural contributions of Dominican Americans throughout the  
35 | state.