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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing July 2017 as "Peruvian Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Peru has a deep and rich heritage and is the home of ancient cultures spanning from the Norte Chico civilization in Caral, one of the oldest civilizations in the world, to the Inca Empire, the largest state in Pre-Columbian America, and

WHEREAS, the Peruvian landscape is vibrant and varied, featuring arid plains, the Andes Mountains, the tropical Amazon Basin rainforest, and the Amazon River, and has influenced and inspired the Peruvian history and culture, including the many Peruvian Americans who have brought their talents and history to this great state and nation, and

WHEREAS, counted among the many influential sons and daughters of Peru are the fifth Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Felipe Ricardo Pérez de Cuéllar Guerra; World War II hero, Arthur Chin; artist and activist, Favianna Rodriguez; American astronaut, Carlos Noriega; composer, Daniel Alomia Robles; singer, Yma Sumac; economist, Hernando de Soto Polar; actor and advocate, Q'orianka Kilcher; Chef, Emmanuel Piqueras; photographer, Mario Testino; sportsman, Alex Olmedo; and Olympian, Daniel Alarcon, and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to the largest Peruvian population in the country and as educators, authors, community leaders,

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26 | business owners, activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and
27 | public servants, Peruvian Americans have made their mark in
28 | every facet of our society and have contributed to the
29 | betterment and diversity of our state and nation, and

30 | WHEREAS, several of Florida's municipalities are designated
31 | "Sister Cities" to Peruvian cities, including Miami, Miami
32 | Beach, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, and Pensacola, and

33 | WHEREAS, Florida stands with the nation of Peru and the
34 | hundreds of thousands of Peruvians coping with continuing floods
35 | and mudslides that have taken the lives of more than 100 people
36 | and devastated much of the country's infrastructure,
37 | transportation systems, and historic landmarks, and

38 | WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of
39 | immigrants, united by common values and the promise of a better
40 | tomorrow, and

41 | WHEREAS, the proclamation of independence of Peru by José
42 | de San Martín occurred on July 28, 1821, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 | Florida:

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47 | That July 2017 is recognized as "Peruvian Heritage Month"
48 | in Florida and all communities and individuals throughout the
49 | state are encouraged to honor their culture and historical bonds
50 | and reminded that America's greatness lies in its diversity.