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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 21, 2018, 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,
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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 February 21, 2018, is recognized as "Dominican-
33 | American Heritage Day" in Florida to celebrate the integral
34 | social and cultural contributions of Dominican Americans
35 | throughout the state.