

HR 8005

2018

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating 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, according to the United States Census Bureau's
14 pooled 2011-2015 American Community Survey, Florida is the third
15 of five states with the largest concentration of Dominican
16 Americans, with approximately 112,000 Dominican Americans
17 residing throughout the state, primarily in Miami-Dade, Broward,
18 Orange, and Hillsborough Counties, and

19 WHEREAS, Dominican Americans have made significant
20 contributions to the United States in several fields, including
21 government, finance, education, sports, fashion, and the arts
22 and sciences, and continue to enrich the diversity of this state
23 by sharing their unique accomplishments, traditions, culture,
24 and cuisine, NOW, THEREFORE,
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26 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
27 | Florida:

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29 | That February 21, 2018, is designated as "Dominican-
30 | American Heritage Day" in the State of Florida to celebrate the
31 | invaluable social and cultural contributions of Dominican
32 | Americans throughout the state.