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1 House Resolution 2 A resolution designating May 2019 as "Haitian Heritage 3 Month" in the State of Florida. 4 5 WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is held to salute Haitian 6 and Haitian-American communities and to exhibit appreciation for 7 their culture and heritage, which have immeasurably enriched the 8 lives of the people of this nation and state, and 9 WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders, 10 activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians, 11 Haitian Americans have made their mark in every facet of society 12 and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of this 13 state and the nation, and 14 WHEREAS, the United States and the State of Florida have 15 thrived as a melding of immigrants, united by common values and 16 the promise of a better tomorrow, and 17 WHEREAS, there is a strong connection between Haitians and Florida, with approximately 46 percent of Haitian Americans 18 19 living and prospering in this state, NOW, THEREFORE, 20 21 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 22 Florida: 23 That May 2019 is designated as "Haitian Heritage Month" in 24 25 the State of Florida, and all communities and individuals

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- 26 throughout the state and nation are encouraged to honor Haitian
- 27 and Haitian-American culture and remember that America's
- 28 greatness lies in its diversity.