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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 25, 2019, as  
3 "Colombian-American Heritage Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, this state's Colombian population constitutes the  
6 fourth-largest Hispanic nationality in this state, with an  
7 estimated population of 300,000 Colombian and Colombian-American  
8 people in 2010, 244,000 of whom resided in Miami-Dade, Broward,  
9 and Palm Beach Counties in 2017, making it the second-largest  
10 Hispanic nationality in South Florida, and

11 WHEREAS, the growing presence of Colombians residing in  
12 Central Florida has prompted the opening of a Colombian  
13 consulate in Orlando, the second Latin American country to do so  
14 in the state, and

15 WHEREAS, as Colombian-Americans have grown in number and  
16 influence, their political presence in local and state politics  
17 has increased and their political representation more prominent  
18 as more Colombian-American local government candidates are  
19 elected, and

20 WHEREAS, the cultural and artistic contributions of  
21 Colombians and Colombian-Americans keeps growing in size and  
22 economic power as their influence in the plastic arts, theatre,  
23 music, and literature continues to influence the culture of the  
24 state, and

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25 WHEREAS, many writers, actors, painters, sculptors,  
26 musicians, and many other Columbian artists have made Florida  
27 their home and studio, and

28 WHEREAS, Colombians represent various areas of economy such  
29 as goods and services, media and production, communications,  
30 marketing, and construction, among many others, and

31 WHEREAS, bilateral commerce between Florida and Latin  
32 America continues to grow due to, in part, the economic strength  
33 of the Colombian-American businesses that maintain a vibrant  
34 exchange of goods and services, and

35 WHEREAS, Colombia has been a traditional and stable ally of  
36 the United States with the Colombian-American population in  
37 Florida playing an integral role in helping to maintain that  
38 status, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
41 Florida:

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43 That April 25, 2019, is designated as "Colombian-American  
44 Heritage Day" in Florida to honor Colombian-Americans in Florida  
45 for their many contributions to Florida's economy, culture, and  
46 political life.