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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing July 2020 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 Alomía Robles; singer, Yma Sumac; economist, Hernando de Soto Polar; actor and advocate, Q'orianka Kilcher; Chef, Emmanuel Piqueras; sportsman, Alex Olmedo; and writer, Daniel Alarcón, 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 our  
28 society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of  
29 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, the United States has thrived as a country in part  
34 because of the contributions of immigrants, united by common  
35 values and the promise of a better tomorrow, and

36 WHEREAS, the proclamation of independence of Peru by José  
37 de San Martín occurred on July 28, 1821, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That July 2020 is recognized as "Peruvian Heritage Month"  
43 in Florida and all communities and individuals throughout the  
44 state are encouraged to honor their culture and historical bonds  
45 and appreciate America's great diversity.