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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 15, 2021, as "Oceans
3 Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, coastal and ocean resources are vital to Florida's
6 quality of life and economic vitality, and

7 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Florida to
8 conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty, in
9 accordance with Article II, Section 7 of the State Constitution,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Florida is the only state in the contiguous United
12 States which is bordered on three sides by the sea, with more
13 than 8,000 miles of continuous tidal shoreline, and

14 WHEREAS, more than 75 percent of Florida's residents live
15 within its coastal counties and the coordination, protection,
16 enhancement, and management of our state's ocean resources will
17 ensure its longevity and enjoyment by future generations, and

18 WHEREAS, more than a million jobs in Florida were directly
19 or indirectly created by activities using ocean resources, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida's "blue economy" and ocean-related
21 industries are key drivers of economic activity and are critical
22 to Florida's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic,
23 and

24 WHEREAS, a number of Florida-based organizations, such as
25 Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and the Florida

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26 | Ocean Alliance, strive to promote awareness and understanding of
27 | the ocean's importance to the ecology and economy of Florida,
28 | NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 | Florida:

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33 | That March 15, 2021, is recognized as "Oceans Day" in
34 | Florida, in recognition of the economic and environmental
35 | importance of Florida's ocean resources.