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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 25, 2021, as the "200th
3 Anniversary of the Independence of Greece" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the Greek War of Independence began in 1821 and
6 continued for almost a decade, and

7 WHEREAS, Greece was recognized as an independent state
8 under the London Protocol in February of 1830, and

9 WHEREAS, during the conflict, President James Monroe
10 stated, "A strong hope is entertained that these people will
11 recover their independence and resume their equal station among
12 the nations of the earth," demonstrating America's longstanding
13 support of the people of Greece, and

14 WHEREAS, the 200th anniversary of Greek independence
15 reminds the United States and Greece of our common bond: the
16 ideals of freedom and self-government, on which America's
17 founders relied when they created the founding documents of the
18 United States, and

19 WHEREAS, the United States and Greece strengthened this
20 bond while fighting as allies in both World War I and World War
21 II, and

22 WHEREAS, the Greek community has helped shape the history
23 of this state by building the City of Tarpon Springs into the
24 sponge capital of the world and developing sponge diving into a
25 leading industry in the state for several decades, and

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26 WHEREAS, the Greek community continues to enrich the State
27 of Florida through its dynamic culture and its historic
28 commitment to faith, community, and family, 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 25, 2021, is recognized as the "200th
34 Anniversary of the Independence of Greece" in Florida.