

HR 8077

2022

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 20, 2022, as "Persian
3 New Year Day" in the State of Florida, celebrating the
4 historical and cultural significance of Norooz, and
5 expressing appreciation for the contributions of
6 Iranian Americans.

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8 WHEREAS, Norooz marks the traditional Persian New Year,
9 which has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years and dates
10 back to ancient Persia, and

11 WHEREAS, Norooz or "New Day" marks the arrival of spring
12 and is celebrated on the vernal equinox, and

13 WHEREAS, the creation of a Haft-seen table, a symbolic
14 spread of seven elements representing patience, love, fertility,
15 rebirth, protection, and affluence, is an important part of the
16 Norooz tradition, and

17 WHEREAS, a form of the vernal equinox celebration commonly
18 known as Norooz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of
19 Iranians and other peoples all over the world, including as
20 Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in
21 Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries
22 in Central Asia, South Asia, Caucasus, Crimea, and Balkan
23 Regions, and

24 WHEREAS, Iranian Americans of all backgrounds celebrate
 25 Norooz, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim,
 26 Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds, and

27 WHEREAS, members of the Iranian American community have
 28 made a lasting impact on the social and economic fabric of
 29 Florida, including providing life-saving medical care, providing
 30 opportunities for cultural exchange and enrichment, contributing
 31 to NASA's space program, and serving on the University of
 32 Florida's Board of Trustees, and

33 WHEREAS, Norooz symbolizes a time of renewal and community,
 34 it harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the
 35 previous year, and brings hope for the New Year, and

36 WHEREAS, many Iranian Americans maintain strong ties to the
 37 people of Iran, and

38 WHEREAS, many Iranian Americans desire to see a peaceful,
 39 prosperous, and democratic Iran that respects human rights, NOW,
 40 THEREFORE,

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 42 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 43 Florida:

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 45 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes March
 46 20, 2022, as "Persian New Year Day" in the State of Florida and
 47 wishes all those who observe a peaceful and prosperous Norooz.