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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 2023 as "Caribbean
3 Heritage Month" in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic
6 paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from
7 which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that
8 reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

9 WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders,
10 activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians,
11 Caribbean Americans have made their mark in every facet of our
12 society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of
13 our state and nation, and

14 WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of
15 the Caribbean are civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois; United
16 States Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; United
17 States Secretary of State Colin Powell; United States
18 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; Oscar-nominated actress Cicely
19 Tyson; Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier who was born in Miami;
20 author, poet, and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson;
21 musician, actor, and social activist Harry Belafonte; Haitian
22 Revolution General Henri Christophe; actor and author Louise
23 Bennett-Coverley; writer and nationalist leader José Martí;
24 professor of literature Mayra Santos-Febres; and numerous others
25 who have displayed great strength and resiliency while serving

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26 | as pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

27 | WHEREAS, not only has the United States thrived as a
28 | country of immigrants, but Florida has flourished from the many
29 | Caribbean immigrants and their descendants who have called this
30 | state home, united by common values and the promise of a better
31 | tomorrow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That June 2023 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"
37 | in Florida and all communities and individuals throughout the
38 | state are encouraged to celebrate their cultural and historical
39 | bonds.