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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 15 to October 15,
3 2023, as "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the national, month long celebration known as
7 "Hispanic Heritage Month" is dedicated to the culture, history,
8 and contributions of Latin American and Hispanic countries, and

9 WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15 to coincide
10 with the national independence days of Guatemala, Honduras, El
11 Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, and

12 WHEREAS, the role of Afro-Latinos in Latin and Hispanic
13 heritage and cultures includes the first Black presidents in the
14 Americas, Vicente Guerrero, Mexico's president from April to
15 December 1829, and Juan José Nieto Gil, who was appointed
16 President of Colombia from January 25 to July 18, 1861, and

17 WHEREAS, there are many influential Latino and Hispanic
18 Americans, including civil rights activist and co-founder of the
19 National Farm Workers Association, Caesar Chavez; the first
20 Hispanic American woman to go to space and the first Hispanic
21 woman inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame, Ellen
22 Ochoa; and the first Hispanic American to serve as a member of
23 the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and

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24 WHEREAS, many Spanish-speaking communities celebrate "Dia
25 de La Raza" on October 12, towards the end of Hispanic Heritage
26 Month, and

27 WHEREAS, according to the 2020 United States Census,
28 5,697,240 Hispanic and Latin people are living in Florida, and

29 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians are the second-
30 largest racial and ethnic group in the state, making up 26
31 percent of the population, 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 September 15 to October 15, 2023, is recognized as
37 "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in Florida.