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1   Senate Resolution
2   A resolution recognizing February 27, 2024, as
3   "Dominican-American Heritage Day" in Florida.
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5   WHEREAS, the island of Hispaniola is home to two countries,
6   with Haiti on the west and the Dominican Republic on the east,
7   and
8   WHEREAS, the people of the Dominican Republic were under
9   Haitian rule for 22 years before the Dominican War of
10 Independence set them free in 1844, and
11   WHEREAS, migration from the Dominican Republic to the
12 United States began in the 1960s in the wake of economic and
13 political turbulence that occurred after dictator Rafael
14 Trujillo was killed by rebels, and
15   WHEREAS, since 1990, Dominican Americans have comprised the
16 fourth largest immigrant population from the Caribbean residing
17 in the United States, and
18   WHEREAS, Florida is the third of the five states with the
19 largest concentrations of Dominican Americans, with
20 approximately 12 percent of Dominican Americans residing in this
21 state, and
22   WHEREAS, Dominican Americans have made significant
23 contributions to the United States in several fields, such as
24 music, including alternative rock, calypso, salsa, merengue,
25 reggaeton, and bachata, the most popular; sports, including
26 soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and women's volleyball;
27 government; finance; education; fashion; and the arts and
28 sciences, and
29   WHEREAS, Dominican Americans continue to enrich the

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30 diversity of this state by sharing their unique accomplishments,
31 traditions, culture, and cuisine, NOW, THEREFORE,
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33 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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35   That February 27, 2024, is recognized as "Dominican-
36 American Heritage Day" in Florida to celebrate Dominican
37 Republic Independence Day and the invaluable economic, social,
38 and cultural contributions of Dominican Americans throughout
39 this state.