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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 27, 2024, as
"Dominican-American Heritage Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the island of Hispaniola is home to two countries,
with Haiti on the west and the Dominican Republic on the east,
and

WHEREAS, the people of the Dominican Republic were under
Haitian rule for 22 years before the Dominican War of
Independence set them free in 1844, and

WHEREAS, migration from the Dominican Republic to the
United States began in the 1960s in the wake of economic and
political turbulence that occurred after dictator Rafael
Trujillo was killed by rebels, and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Dominican Americans have comprised the
fourth largest Hispanic immigrant population residing in the
United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida is the third of the five states with the
largest concentrations of Dominican Americans, with
approximately 12 percent of Dominican Americans residing in this
state, and

WHEREAS, Dominican Americans have made significant
contributions to the United States in several fields, such as
music, sports, government, finance, fashion, and the arts, and

WHEREAS, Dominican Americans continue to enrich the

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26 | diversity of this state by sharing their unique accomplishments,
27 | traditions, culture, and cuisine, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
30 | Florida:

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32 | That February 27, 2024, is recognized as "Dominican-
33 | American Heritage Day" in Florida to celebrate Dominican
34 | Republic Independence Day and the invaluable economic, social,
35 | and cultural contributions of Dominican Americans throughout
36 | this state.