

HR 8051

2024

House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating March 21, 2024, as "Persian
3 New Year's Day" in Florida, celebrating the historical
4 and cultural significance of Nowruz, and expressing
5 appreciation for the contributions of Iranian
6 Americans.

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8 WHEREAS, Nowruz 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, Nowruz 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 beauty, health, patience,
15 spring, fertility, rebirth, and prosperity, is an important part
16 of the Nowruz tradition, and

17 WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of
18 Iranians and other people all over the world, including as
19 Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in
20 Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries
21 in Central Asia, South Asia, and the Caucasus, Crimea, and
22 Balkan Regions, and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, Nowruz symbolizes a time of renewal and community,
 33 celebrates the arrival of spring as a victory over darkness, and
 34 brings hope for the New Year, and

35 WHEREAS, many first-generation Iranian Americans maintain
 36 strong ties to the people of Iran, and

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

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

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 44 That the House of Representatives designates March 21,
 45 2024, as "Persian New Year's Day" in Florida and wishes all
 46 those who observe a peaceful and prosperous Nowruz.