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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 15 to October 15,
3 2024, 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 month long celebration includes festivals, art
13 shows, conferences, and community gatherings across the United
14 States, and

15 WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,127,506 Hispanic and
16 Latino people living in Florida, and

17 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians are the second-
18 largest racial and ethnic group in the state, making up 28.7
19 percent of the population, and

20 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians contribute to the
21 state's economy in labor and entrepreneurship, and

22 WHEREAS, there are many influential Hispanic and Latino
23 Americans, including civil rights activist and co-founder of the
24 National Farm Workers Association, Caesar Chavez; the first
25 Hispanic American woman to go to space and the first Hispanic

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26 | woman inducted into the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame,
 27 | Ellen Ochoa; and the first Hispanic American to serve as a
 28 | member of the United States Supreme Court, Justice Sonia
 29 | Sotomayor, and

30 | WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans have made a lasting
 31 | impact in Florida socially, culturally, and economically,
 32 | including flying to space; being elected to public offices such
 33 | as Mayor, Lieutenant Governor, and Congress; becoming prominent
 34 | singers, film stars, and athletes, and

35 | WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latin heritage is an integral part of
 36 | United States and Florida history, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 39 | Florida:

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 41 | That September 15 to October 15, 2024, is recognized as
 42 | "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in Florida, to acknowledge
 43 | and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic and Latin
 44 | Floridians.