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1 House Resolution 2 A resolution recognizing March 27, 2024, as "World 3 Theatre Day" in Florida. 4 5 WHEREAS, World Theatre Day is a celebration for those who 6 can see the value and importance of the art form "theatre," and 7 WHEREAS, World Theatre Day's goal is to educate individuals 8 about the positive impacts and economic growth that theatre 9 offers, and WHEREAS, World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the 10 11 International Theatre Institute, and WHEREAS, many national and international theatre events are 12 13 organized to mark World Theatre Day, and 14 WHEREAS, one of the most prominent events is a World Theatre Day International Message through which, at the 15 16 invitation of the International Theatre Institute, a figure of world stature shares his or her reflections on the theme of 17 18 Theatre and a Culture of Peace, and 19 WHEREAS, Florida's arts and cultural industry generates 20 economic activity, and 21 WHEREAS, the economic activity generated from arts and 22 culture supports thousands of jobs, and 23 WHEREAS, historical theatres and community theatres such as 24 the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola, the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville, the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota, the 25

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26	Theatre South Playhouse in Orlando, and the Dr. Phillips Center
27	for the Performing Arts in Orlando, contribute to Florida
28	culture, and
29	WHEREAS, arts and culture help to preserve and strengthen a
30	strong community sense of place; forge a personal identity; show
31	creativity; and provide opportunities for learning,
32	entertainment, leisure, personal growth, and improving
33	communication with others, NOW, THEREFORE,
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35	Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36	Florida:
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38	That March 27, 2024, is recognized as "World Theatre Day"
39	in Florida and that the arts and culture communities in Florida
40	are celebrated.