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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 20, 2025, as "Persian New Year's Day" in Florida, celebrating the historical and cultural significance of Nowruz, and expressing appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans.

WHEREAS, Nowruz marks the traditional Persian New Year, which has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years and dates back to ancient Persia, and

WHEREAS, Nowruz or "New Day" marks the arrival of spring and is celebrated on the vernal equinox, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Haft-seen table, a symbolic spread of seven elements representing beauty, health, patience, spring, fertility, rebirth, and prosperity is an important part of the Nowruz tradition, and

WHEREAS, a form of the vernal equinox celebration commonly known as Nowruz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of Iranians and other people all over the world, including as Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries in Central Asia, South Asia, and the Caucasus, Crimea, and the Balkan Regions, and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, Nowruz symbolizes a time of renewal and community,
34 harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the
35 previous year, and brings hope for the New Year, and

36 WHEREAS, many Iranian Americans maintain strong ties to the
37 people of Iran, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That the House of Representatives expresses its
43 appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans to this
44 state, recognizes March 20, 2025, as "Persian New Year's Day" in
45 Florida, and wishes all those who observe it a peaceful and
46 prosperous Nowruz.