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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2025, as "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the national, month-long celebration known as "Hispanic Heritage Month" is dedicated to the culture, history, and contributions of Latin American and Hispanic countries, and

WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15 to coincide with the national independence days of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, and

WHEREAS, the national, month-long celebration includes festivals, art shows, conferences, and community gatherings across the United States, and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians are the second-largest racial and ethnic group in this state, making up 27.4 percent of the population, and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians contribute approximately \$90 billion to this state's economy in labor and entrepreneurship, and have a spending power of approximately \$66.4 billion, and

WHEREAS, there are many influential Hispanic and Latino Americans, including civil rights activist and co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association, Caesar Chavez; the first Hispanic-American woman to travel to space and be inducted into

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

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

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

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

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40 | That September 15 to October 15, 2025, is recognized as
41 | "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in Florida to acknowledge
42 | and celebrate all of the contributions of Hispanic and Latin
43 | Floridians.