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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing July 25, 2025, as "Afro-Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and Diaspora Women's Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Afro-descendant women across the globe have played an indelible role in shaping societies, enriching cultures, and advancing the cause of equality, justice, and human rights, and

WHEREAS, the music of Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa," transcended borders and generations with her electrifying performances, powerful voice, and unwavering commitment to her Afro-Cuban roots, and

WHEREAS, Miriam Jiménez Román, a pioneering scholar, writer, and activist, has dedicated her life to amplifying the voices and experiences of Afro-Latinas through her groundbreaking research, publications, and advocacy efforts, contributing to the recognition and empowerment of Afro-Latina women, and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Comhaire-Sylvain, Haiti's first female anthropologist, made significant contributions to the study of Haitian culture, language, and identity through her pioneering research on Haitian Creole, enriching the understanding of Afro-Caribbean cultural heritage, and

WHEREAS, Louise Bennett-Coverley, affectionately known as "Miss Lou," revolutionized Jamaican cultural expression through

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her poetry, folklore, and advocacy for the use of Jamaican Patois. As a poet, broadcaster, and performer, she preserved and elevated the oral traditions of Jamaica, inspiring generations to embrace their linguistic heritage and celebrate the vibrancy of Afro-Caribbean identity, and

WHEREAS, July 25, 2025, is internationally commemorated as a day to celebrate the heritage and contributions of Afro-descendant women around the world, and

WHEREAS, this occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and cultural legacies of Afro-Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and diaspora women, including those who live and contribute to communities across Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That July 25, 2025, is recognized as "Afro-Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and Diaspora Women's Day" in Florida.