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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 13, 2026, as "National
3 Borinqueneers Day" in Florida and honoring the service
4 and sacrifice of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the
5 United States Army.

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7 WHEREAS, in 1899, Congress authorized a volunteer military
8 presence in Puerto Rico, the Battalion of Volunteer Infantry,
9 following the island's designation as a United States territory,
10 and the battalion, composed primarily of Puerto Ricans, was
11 incorporated into the regular United States Army in 1908 and
12 became the 65th Infantry Regiment in 1920, and

13 WHEREAS, during the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment
14 earned the nickname "The Borinqueneers," honoring the indigenous
15 Taíno name for their homeland, Borinquen, and

16 WHEREAS, the Borinqueneers' service during the Korean War
17 resulted in extraordinary recognition of the regiment for valor,
18 including 2,771 Purple Hearts, 606 Bronze Stars, 256 Silver
19 Stars, 9 Distinguished Service Crosses, and 1 Medal of Honor,
20 among other commendations, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States formally observed the
22 first National Borinqueneers Day following congressional action
23 designating April 13 to honor the regiment's legacy, and

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24 WHEREAS, April 13 is now recognized nationally as National
25 Borinqueneers Day, commemorating the distinguished service of
26 the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, and

27 WHEREAS, Florida is home to one of the largest populations
28 of people of Puerto Rican heritage in the United States, with
29 more than 1.2 million Puerto Rican residents, representing a
30 significant and growing community that contributes to the
31 cultural, social, and economic fabric of the State, and

32 WHEREAS, the Borinqueneers' service represents an important
33 chapter in the United States and Florida history and reflects
34 the enduring contributions of Puerto Rican service members to
35 the defense of the nation, 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 April 13, 2026, is designated as "National
41 Borinqueneers Day" in Florida in recognition of the service and
42 sacrifice of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States
43 Army.