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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 2020 as "Caribbean  
3 Heritage Month" in Florida.  
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5 WHEREAS, from a region that conjures images of a scenic  
6 paradise, Caribbean Americans are as vibrant as the islands from  
7 which they come, possessing a wealth of talent and history that  
8 reverberates throughout this great state and nation, and

9 WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders,  
10 activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians,  
11 Caribbean Americans have made their mark in every facet of our  
12 society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of  
13 our state and nation, and

14 WHEREAS, counted among many famous sons and daughters of  
15 the Caribbean are civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois; United  
16 States Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton; United  
17 States Secretary of State Colin Powell; United States  
18 Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm; Oscar-nominated actress Cicely  
19 Tyson; Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier; author, poet, and  
20 civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson; musician, actor, and  
21 social activist Harry Belafonte; Haitian Revolution General  
22 Henri Christophe; actor and author Louise Bennett-Coverley;  
23 writer and nationalist leader José Martí; professor of  
24 literature Mayra Santos-Febres; and numerous others who have  
25 displayed great strength and resiliency while serving as

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26 | pioneers among the people of the Caribbean, and

27 |         WHEREAS, the United States has thrived as a country of  
 28 | immigrants, united by common values and by the promise of a  
 29 | better tomorrow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 32 | Florida:

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34 |         That June 2020 is recognized as "Caribbean Heritage Month"  
 35 | in Florida and all communities and individuals throughout the  
 36 | state are encouraged to celebrate their cultural and historical  
 37 | bonds.