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House Resolution A resolution designating May 2015 as "Haitian Heritage Month" in the State of Florida. WHEREAS, Haitian Heritage Month is held to salute the Haitian and Haitian-American communities and to exhibit appreciation for their culture and heritage which have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this nation and state, and WHEREAS, as educators, authors, community leaders, activists, athletes, artists, musicians, and politicians, Haitian Americans have made their mark in every facet of society and have contributed to the betterment and diversity of this state and nation, and WHEREAS, the United States and Florida have thrived as a melding of immigrants, united by common values and the promise of a better tomorrow, and WHEREAS, there is a strong connection between Haitians and Florida, with approximately 46 percent of Haitian Americans living and prospering in this state, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That May 2015 is designated as "Haitian Heritage Month" in the State of Florida, and all communities and individuals Page 1 of 2

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- 27 throughout the state and nation are encouraged to honor Haitian
- and Haitian-American culture and remember that America's
- 29 greatness lies in its diversity.