HR 9073 2012

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 4, 2012, as the 150th Anniversary of Bacardi rum.

WHEREAS, Bacardi rum was created in Santiago, Cuba, in 1862 by Bacardi founder Don Facundo Bacardi Masso and has grown to be the world's most awarded and best-selling premium rum, and

WHEREAS, today, Bacardi is the largest privately held spirits company in the world, headed by Facundo L. Bacardi, the great-great grandson of the company founder, and

WHEREAS, Bacardi rum is made in Catano, Puerto Rico, at the largest premium rum distillery in the world and bottled in Jacksonville, the sole bottling plant for Bacardi products in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Bacardi's Jacksonville campus is home to a global research and new product development facility, and Bacardi U.S.A., Inc., based in Coral Gables, is the distribution hub of Bacardi rum in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Bacardi has made philanthropic contributions toward fighting debilitating diseases, helping to rebuild in the wake of natural disasters, and improving the quality of life for many in numerous communities throughout Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That February 4, 2012, is recognized as the 150th Anniversary of Bacardi rum.

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