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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 21, 2023, as "Persian  
3 New Year's Day" in Florida, celebrating the historical  
4 and cultural significance of Norooz, and expressing  
5 appreciation for the contributions of Iranian  
6 Americans.

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8 WHEREAS, Norooz marks the traditional Persian New Year,  
9 which has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years and dates  
10 back to ancient Persia, and

11 WHEREAS, Norooz or "New Day" marks the arrival of spring  
12 and is celebrated on the vernal equinox, and

13 WHEREAS, the creation of a Haft-seen table, a symbolic  
14 spread of seven elements representing beauty, health, patience,  
15 spring, fertility, rebirth, and prosperity, is an important part  
16 of the Norooz tradition, and

17 WHEREAS, Norooz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of  
18 Iranians and other people all over the world, including as  
19 Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in  
20 Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries  
21 in Central Asia, South Asia, and the Caucasus, Crimea, and  
22 Balkan Regions, and

23 WHEREAS, Iranian Americans of all backgrounds celebrate  
24 Norooz, including those with Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim,  
25 Zoroastrian, and nonreligious backgrounds, and

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26 WHEREAS, members of the Iranian-American community have  
27 made a lasting impact on the social and economic fabric of  
28 Florida, including providing lifesaving medical care, providing  
29 opportunities for cultural exchange and enrichment, contributing  
30 to NASA's space program, and serving on the University of  
31 Florida's Board of Trustees, and

32 WHEREAS, Norooz symbolizes a time of renewal and community,  
33 celebrates the arrival of spring as a victory over darkness, and  
34 brings hope for the New Year, and

35 WHEREAS, many first-generation Iranian Americans maintain  
36 strong ties to the people of Iran, and

37 WHEREAS, Iranian Americans desire to see a peaceful,  
38 prosperous, and democratic Iran that respects human rights, NOW,  
39 THEREFORE,

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

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44 That the House of Representatives designates March 21,  
45 2023, as "Persian New Year's Day" in Florida and wishes all  
46 those who observe a peaceful and prosperous Norooz.