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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 2025 as "Hindu-American Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, there are around 1 billion Hindus worldwide and approximately 2,230,000 Hindu Americans that live across the nation, and

WHEREAS, Florida is enriched by the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious vibrance of its residents, including Hindu Americans, and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 132nd anniversary of the date Hinduism was officially introduced to the United States by Swami Vivekananda at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois, and the 125th anniversary of the date he founded the Vedanta Society in San Francisco, California, and

WHEREAS, Hindus are primarily an immigrant community and first started immigrating to the United States in the early 1900s, and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to many Hindu temples, religious centers, and cultural centers, and

WHEREAS, Hindu-Americans are a highly educated demographic, with a 77 percent college attainment rate, and

WHEREAS, Hindu organizations and individuals actively engage in seva, a Sanskrit word for selfless service, toward

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25 | their fellow human beings through charity, public service, and
26 | the provision of free medical and legal services, and

27 | WHEREAS, Hindu Americans throughout Florida celebrate many
28 | holidays and festivals, such as Diwali, which falls on the
29 | fifteenth day of the eighth month, or the New Moon Day in the
30 | month of Kartika of the Vedic lunar calendar, which occurs
31 | during October or November and celebrates the triumph of good
32 | over evil and knowledge over ignorance, and is a time of peace,
33 | joy, and new beginnings, and

34 | WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes and
35 | acknowledges the significant contributions made by Floridians of
36 | Hindu heritage to this state and by the adoption of this
37 | resolution, seeks to increase awareness and understanding of the
38 | Hindu American community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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43 | That October 2025 is recognized as "Hindu-American Heritage
44 | Month" in Florida.