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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 21, 2026, as "Persian New Year Day" in Florida, celebrating the historical and cultural significance of Nowruz, and expressing appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans.

WHEREAS, Nowruz, the traditional Persian New Year, has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years, dating back to ancient Persia, and

WHEREAS, Nowruz, or "New Day," which marks the arrival of spring, is celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox, and

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

WHEREAS, Nowruz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of Iranians and other persons all over the world, including as Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in Afghanistan, as well as by Iranian Americans of all spiritual belief in the United States, including those of Baha'i, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or Zoroastrian faiths and those with nonreligious backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, members of the Iranian American community, many of whom have made a lasting impact on the social and economic

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26 fabric of this state, including providing life-saving medical
27 care, contributing to the National Aeronautics and Space
28 Administration space program, and serving on the University of
29 Florida's Board of Trustees, nevertheless Iranian Americans
30 maintain strong ties to the people of Iran, and

31 WHEREAS, Nowruz symbolizes a time of renewal, community,
32 and hope for the future for many Iranian Americans celebrating
33 the New Year, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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38 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes March
39 21, 2026, as "Persian New Year Day" in Florida and wishes all
40 those who observe Nowruz a peaceful and prosperous year.