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House Resolution

A resolution designating November 2026 as "Hindu-American Heritage Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, there are around 1.2 billion Hindus worldwide and approximately 219,916 Hindu Americans who live across Florida,

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

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 133rd 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 126th 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 is observed on the
29 fifteenth day of the eighth month, or the New Moon Day in the
30 month of Kartika, which occurs during October or November, and
31 celebrates the triumph of good over evil and knowledge over
32 ignorance, and is a time of peace, joy, and new beginnings, and

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

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

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42 That November 2026 is designated as "Hindu-American
43 Heritage Month" in Florida.