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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing July 25, 2026, as "Afro-
3 Latina, Afro-Caribbean, and Diaspora Women's Day" in
4 Florida.5
6 WHEREAS, Afro-descendant women across the globe have played
7 an indelible role in shaping societies, enriching cultures, and
8 advancing the cause of equality, justice, and human rights, and9 WHEREAS, the music of Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa,"
10 transcended borders and generations with her electrifying
11 performances, powerful voice, and unwavering commitment to her
12 Afro-Cuban roots, and13 WHEREAS, Miriam Jiménez Román, a pioneering scholar,
14 writer, and activist, has dedicated her life to amplifying the
15 voices and experiences of Afro-Latinas through her
16 groundbreaking research, publications, and advocacy efforts,
17 contributing to the recognition and empowerment of Afro-Latina
18 women, and19 WHEREAS, Suzanne Comhaire-Sylvain, Haiti's first female
20 anthropologist, made significant contributions to the study of
21 Haitian culture, language, and identity through her pioneering
22 research on Haitian Creole, enriching the understanding of Afro-
23 Caribbean cultural heritage, and24 WHEREAS, Louise Bennett-Coverley, affectionately known as
25 "Miss Lou," revolutionized Jamaican cultural expression through

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26 her poetry, folklore, and advocacy for the use of Jamaican
27 Patois, and as a poet, broadcaster, and performer, she preserved
28 and elevated the oral traditions of Jamaica, inspiring
29 generations to embrace their linguistic heritage and celebrate
30 the vibrancy of Afro-Caribbean identity, and

31 WHEREAS, July 25, 2026, is internationally commemorated as
32 a day to celebrate the heritage and contributions of Afro-
33 descendant women around the world, and

34 WHEREAS, this occasion provides an opportunity to reflect
35 on the achievements and cultural legacies of Afro-Latina, Afro-
36 Caribbean, and diaspora women, including those who live and
37 contribute to communities across Florida, 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 July 25, 2026, is recognized as "Afro-Latina, Afro-
43 Caribbean, and Diaspora Women's Day" in Florida.