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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 28, 2019, as "Persian New Year Day" in the State of Florida, celebrating the historical and cultural significance of Norooz, and expressing appreciation for the contributions of Iranian Americans.

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

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

WHEREAS, a form of the vernal equinox celebration commonly known as Norooz is celebrated by hundreds of millions of Iranians and other peoples all over the world, including as Novruz in Azerbaijan, Navruz in Uzbekistan, and Nowruz in Afghanistan, as well as in the United States and other countries in Central Asia, South Asia, Caucasus, Crimea, and Balkan Regions, and

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

WHEREAS, members of the Iranian American community have made a lasting impact on the social and economic fabric of Florida, including providing life-saving medical care, providing

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26 | opportunities for cultural exchange and enrichment, contributing
27 | to NASA's space program, and serving on the University of
28 | Florida's Board of Trustees, and

29 | WHEREAS, Norooz symbolizes a time of renewal and community,
30 | it harkens the departure from the trials and tribulations of the
31 | previous year, and brings hope for the New Year, and

32 | WHEREAS, many Iranian Americans maintain strong ties to the
33 | people of Iran, and

34 | WHEREAS, many Iranian Americans desire to see a peaceful,
35 | prosperous, and democratic Iran that respects human rights, and

36 | WHEREAS, Norooz contributes to cultural diversity and
37 | friendship between different communities by promoting
38 | reconciliation and neighborliness, along with the values of
39 | peace and solidarity, NOW, 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 Florida House of Representatives recognizes March
45 | 28, 2019, as "Persian New Year Day" in the State of Florida and
46 | wishes all those who observe a peaceful and prosperous Norooz.