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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 19, 2014, as "World  
3 Circus Day" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the circus in America is a beloved and enduring  
6 art form and part of our rich cultural heritage, and

7 WHEREAS, for over 200 years, the circus has entertained  
8 generations of American families with amazing feats of physical  
9 skill, comedy, theater, and music, while exposing us to the  
10 cultures and wonders of the world, and

11 WHEREAS, today's circus continues to amaze and inspire  
12 children of all ages by bridging generations and cultures in the  
13 pursuit of the very best in circus arts and skills, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida is home to many of the best-known and  
15 longest-operating circuses in the country, including Ringling  
16 Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and the nation's longest-running youth  
17 training program, the Sailor Circus Academy, and

18 WHEREAS, The Circus Arts Conservatory in southwest Florida  
19 is home to a rich legacy and the preservation and presentation  
20 of the circus arts in performance, training, and outreach, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida is also home to The John and Mable  
22 Ringling Museum of Art Circus Museum in Sarasota, one of the  
23 premier circus museums in the world, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2008, the World Circus Federation was created  
25 under the patronage of H.S.H. Princess Stephanie of Monaco to

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26 | honor the legacy of her late father Prince Rainier III, a patron  
 27 | of circus arts and culture, and

28 |         WHEREAS, the North American delegate to the federation is  
 29 | the Outdoor Amusement Business Association (OABA), based in  
 30 | Winter Park, representing many circuses throughout Florida and  
 31 | the United States, and

32 |         WHEREAS, the federation established World Circus Day as an  
 33 | opportunity for communities around the world to celebrate their  
 34 | rich circus culture and heritage, and

35 |         WHEREAS, Florida should be recognized and celebrated for  
 36 | its unique role as the circus capital of the world, NOW,  
 37 | 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 April 19, 2014, is recognized as "World Circus Day" in  
 43 | the State of Florida and all Floridians are urged to celebrate,  
 44 | promote, and preserve Florida's rich circus culture and history.