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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2012 as "Power to End Stroke Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, striking over 700,000 Americans each year and killing 129,000, including 8,324 Floridians, and

WHEREAS, stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-term disability in the United States, with more than 1.1 million adults experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with activities of daily living resulting from stroke, and

WHEREAS, on the average, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds in the United States and takes a life every 4 minutes, and

WHEREAS, the estimated direct and indirect costs of stroke in the United States this year will be more than \$73.7 billion, and

WHEREAS, many Americans are unaware of their risk factors for a stroke and are unaware of the signs and symptoms of an impending stroke, and

WHEREAS, statistics show that African Americans have almost twice the risk of a first stroke compared to Caucasians, in part because of their increased risk of high blood pressure and diabetes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 That May 2012 is recognized as "Power to End Stroke Month"
29 in Florida and that all residents of this state are urged to
30 recognize that stroke must be taken seriously in order to reduce
31 its risks.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Floridians are urged to
33 become familiar with the warning signs, symptoms, and risk
34 factors associated with stroke and live stronger, healthier
35 lives.