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House Resolution

A resolution designating April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the month of April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which calls attention to the fact that sexual assault and harassment is widespread and harms people throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted and approximately 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 33 men, are sexually assaulted during their lifetime and victimization is not limited by gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or age, and

WHEREAS, approximately 75 percent of sexual harassment victims experience retaliation when they report such harassment, while three out of every four sexual assaults goes unreported, and

WHEREAS, Denim Day, an international violence prevention and education campaign observed on April 24, gives community members an opportunity to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against victim blaming and the misconceptions that surround sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month serves as an occasion for prevention education on sexual assault and harassment as well as comprehensive trauma-informed approaches

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26 | to prevent the lasting and traumatizing effects of such assault
27 | and harassment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
30 | Florida:

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32 | That April is designated as "Sexual Assault Awareness
33 | Month" in the State of Florida.