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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the American Cancer Society and the Buddy Check program.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading type of cancer among women in Florida and is the second highest cause of cancer deaths among the state's female population, and

WHEREAS, of the 178,000 women in the United States that are projected to be diagnosed with breast cancer during 1998, 11,800 are expected to be citizens of Florida, and

WHEREAS, of the women in Florida who will learn they have breast cancer, 2,900 are expected to die in 1998, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, in partnership with other entities, has created the Buddy Check program to aid in reminding women of monthly breast self-exams and yearly mammograms and clinical exams, and

WHEREAS, fear and silence are the best friends of cancer, and encouraging women to take action by talking about breast cancer helps save women's lives through early detection which increases survival treatment and options, NOW,

THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida House of Representatives hereby recognizes the American Cancer Society's Buddy Check program as important in the fight against breast cancer and urges all women to recognize the risks associated with breast cancer and take preventive and supportive steps of the Buddy Check

1 program to minimize those risks and engage in early detection  
2 methods such as mammography and breast self-exams.

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