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House Resolution

A resolution commending the Woman Wise Alliance for its efforts to educate women about health risks after menopause.

WHEREAS, women after menopause lose estrogen, which puts them at higher risk of diseases such as osteoporosis, heart disease, breast cancer, and depression, and

WHEREAS, as a result of osteoporosis, the most common disease in a woman past menopause, a woman can lose up to one-third of her spinal bone mass during the six years after menopause, and forty percent of women over age 50 will develop an osteoporotic fracture, and

WHEREAS, coronary heart disease kills more women than men each year, and one in two women will eventually die of heart disease or stroke, and

WHEREAS, for women between ages 35 to 74, the death rate from heart attack for black women is more than thirty percent higher than that for white women, and

WHEREAS, one in every eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime and, after age 50, the risk increases dramatically, with women in their 60's twice as likely to get breast cancer as women in their 40's, and

WHEREAS, a breast cancer survivor is ten times more likely to get osteoporosis because she is unable to take estrogen, and

WHEREAS, about seven million women in the United States are clinically depressed, elderly women are more prone to depression than elderly men, and only one in three women with depression will ever seek care, and

1 WHEREAS, the years after menopause are the time when
2 women can do the most to prevent, identify, and treat
3 osteoporosis, heart disease, breast cancer, and depression,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Woman Wise Alliance is a nonprofit, public
6 education network of women's organizations, health advocacy
7 groups, professional organizations, and other groups committed
8 to women's health after menopause, and its goal, through
9 education and advocacy, is to educate women about the health
10 risks after menopause and to motivate them to seek appropriate
11 health counsel, preventive screenings, and treatments to
12 ensure that women have access to the health care they need,
13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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18 That the Woman Wise Alliance be commended for its
19 efforts to help women understand their health risks and have
20 access to all prevention and treatment options, and to
21 encourage them to take action by talking with their health
22 care providers about options that build strong bones, protect
23 the heart, reduce risk of cancer, and address clinical
24 depression.

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