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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Florida's Healthy Start coalitions and designating April 11, 2001, as "Healthy Start Coalitions Day."

WHEREAS, there are 32 Healthy Start coalitions throughout the state, each charged with the mission of reducing infant mortality, and these coalitions have played a large part in improving Florida's rank in infant mortality to 24th in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Healthy Start coalitions, comprised of community volunteers who are uniquely positioned to assess and respond to maternal and child health needs and to direct funding toward services that address those needs, have created a seamless system of care that benefited more than 85,000 women and their families in Florida in the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, in one recent year, Healthy Start coalitions collectively leveraged almost \$13 million, including 100,000 volunteer hours of in-kind services and resources, cash, grants, and projects related to maternal and infant health,
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to applaud the outstanding efforts of, and recognize the remarkable benefits afforded by, the state's dedicated Healthy Start coalitions and to designate April 11, 2001, as "Healthy Start Coalitions Day" in Florida.