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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 14, 2002, as  
"DD Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities  
Council, Inc., is the Florida entity charged by federal  
legislation to plan and advocate for programs to enable  
persons with developmental disabilities to achieve optimum  
independence and to promote innovative programs and practices  
that improve the quality of life for these individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Developmental Disabilities  
Council, Inc., sponsors events such as Developmental  
Disabilities Awareness Day, or DD Awareness Day, to provide a  
setting in which related agencies and organizations may  
provide information about services and products for persons  
with disabilities and promote understanding of the challenges  
and obstacles in the everyday lives of persons with  
disabilities, and

WHEREAS, DD Awareness Day is an appropriate time to  
recognize Florida's public policy accomplishments concerning  
persons with disabilities and to identify improvements in  
public policy needed to ensure that inclusion and appropriate  
services are available to all of Florida's citizens with  
developmental disabilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives designates February  
14, 2002, as "DD Awareness Day" in Florida and joins with the  
Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc., in

1 encouraging all Florida residents to participate in events  
2 that appropriately recognize and celebrate the state's diverse  
3 population, including persons with developmental disabilities.  
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