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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 21, 2002, as
"Smile Day 2002" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the citizens of the
State of Florida are of paramount concern to the Florida House
of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, poor oral health not only leads to the
unnecessary loss of teeth, but has been shown to be linked to
cardiovascular problems, serious respiratory infections, and
other significant diseases, and

WHEREAS, regular professional cleanings and other
preventive services provided by licensed dental hygienists are
highly effective in maintaining good oral health, and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists are licensed professionals
who complete a minimum two-year accredited college program to
adequately prepare themselves with the expertise and clinical
skills needed to provide safe, competent service to their
patients, and

WHEREAS, there are six thousand licensed dental
hygienists in the State of Florida, who promote and foster
oral hygiene and education, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Hygiene Association
represents the profession of dental hygiene, and members of
the association have traveled to Tallahassee to sponsor Smile
Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 That the House of Representatives welcomes the members
2 of the Florida Dental Hygiene Association and recognizes
3 February 21, 2002, as the Florida Dental Hygiene Association's
4 "Smile Day 2002" in Florida.
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