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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2002 as "Healthy
Pet Month."

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of all American households include pets with whom close ties are developed and strong relationships forged and who are loved as members of the family, and

WHEREAS, an equally strong relationship between veterinarians and pets is vital to the health of pets in order that both minor and major problems might be diagnosed and treated, and

WHEREAS, eight million dogs and 19 million cats do not have access to veterinary care on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, the spring and summer months are the prime season for infection by ticks, mosquitoes, and fleas, putting pets at great risk of Lyme disease, heartworms, and similar threats to their health, and

WHEREAS, many of these sometimes-silent, potentially fatal diseases might well be prevented by early detection through regular care by veterinarians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives recognizes May 2002 as "Healthy Pet Month" and urges all pet owners to be aware of the increased risks the spring and summer months pose to the health of their pets, to take precautionary measures to protect their pets against potential illnesses during this

1 season, and to avail their pets of the watchful care of a
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