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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing April 2, 2003, as
"Sexual Assault Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, sexual assault continues to be a major social
and health crisis in our society, and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every child and adult
in Florida as a victim or survivor or as a family member,
significant other, neighbor, or co-worker of a victim or
survivor, and

WHEREAS, volunteers and service providers in our state
are working to provide a continuum of care to sexual assault
survivors through law enforcement, 24-hour hotlines,
counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care, and
education, and

WHEREAS, Florida seeks to improve services for victims
and survivors of sexual assault and prevent future sexual
assault through public awareness and services for victims, and

WHEREAS, this state recognizes the vital importance of
designating a time devoted to increasing the public's
awareness and support of agencies providing services to rape
victims, and

WHEREAS, we hold forth a vision of a state free from
sexual violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That April 2, 2003 is recognized as "Sexual Assault
Awareness Day."