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House Resolution

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2 A resolution declaring the month of March 2003 as
3 Endometriosis Awareness Month.

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5 WHEREAS, endometriosis, a condition involving abnormal
6 uterine cell growth, affects more women than does breast cancer,
7 striking more than 5.5 million teens and women in the United
8 States alone and nearly 70 million worldwide, and

9 WHEREAS, studies have shown an elevated risk of certain
10 cancers and autoimmune diseases in endometriosis patients, and
11 endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility and
12 hysterectomy, and

13 WHEREAS, endometriosis may have a debilitating impact on a
14 woman's life and her relationships, in some cases rendering her
15 unable to work, to care for herself or her family, or to go about
16 her normal routines, and

17 WHEREAS, there is currently no definitive cure for
18 endometriosis, and

19 WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center (ERC) is a
20 nonprofit organization founded in 1997 to address the needs of
21 the international community of individuals who suffer from
22 endometriosis and to improve the quality of life for those with
23 the disease through education and support programs, and

24 WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center works to raise
25 awareness about endometriosis throughout the medical and lay
26 communities and raises funds to facilitate and promote existing
27 research for effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for the
28 disease, and

29 WHEREAS, in observance of the anniversary of the
30 Endometriosis Research Center, events and activities, including



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31 "ERC Casual Days," are held annually during the month of March in
32 an effort to educate the general public about the significance of
33 this disease, to support and assist women living with the
34 disease, and to raise funds for the organization's efforts, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
41 deliberations to recognize the worthy efforts of the
42 Endometriosis Research Center and to declare March 2003 as
43 Endometriosis Awareness Month.