



HR 9107

2003

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Florida's Healthy Start
3 coalitions and designating April 8, 2003, as "Healthy
4 Start Coalitions Day."

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6 WHEREAS, there are 32 Healthy Start coalitions throughout
7 the state, each charged with reducing infant mortality, and
8 these coalitions have played a large part in improving Florida's
9 rank in infant mortality to 26th in the nation, and

10 WHEREAS, Healthy Start coalitions, comprised of community
11 volunteers who are uniquely positioned to assess and respond to
12 maternal and infant health needs and to direct funding toward
13 services that address those needs, have created a seamless
14 system of care that benefited more than 85,000 women and their
15 families in Florida in the year 2000, and

16 WHEREAS, in one recent year, Healthy Start coalitions
17 collectively leveraged almost \$13 million, including 100,000
18 volunteer hours of in-kind services and resources, cash, grants,
19 and projects related to maternal and infant health, NOW,
20 THEREFORE,

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

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25 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
26 deliberations to applaud the outstanding efforts of, and
27 recognize the remarkable benefits afforded by, the state's
28 dedicated Healthy Start coalitions and to designate April 8,
29 2003, as "Healthy Start Coalitions Day" in Florida.