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House Resolution

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2 A resolution urging Floridians to observe April as
3 National Minority Health Month.

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5 WHEREAS, despite considerable improvement in the overall
6 health of the residents of the United States, disparities still
7 exist among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans,
8 Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders as compared to the
9 nation's population as a whole, and

10 WHEREAS, minorities are more likely to die from cancer,
11 cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical dependency, diabetes,
12 infant mortality, violence, and, in recent years, acquired
13 immunodeficiency syndrome, and

14 WHEREAS, behavioral and social sciences research has
15 increased awareness and understanding of factors associated with
16 health care utilization and access, patient attitudes toward
17 health services, and risk and protective behaviors that affect
18 health and illness, factors which have the potential to close
19 the health disparity gap in the United States, and

20 WHEREAS, National Minority Health Month, launched in April
21 2001 by the United States Department of Health and Human
22 Services, has been recognized by Congress as an important, well-
23 organized effort to eliminate health disparities in America, and

24 WHEREAS, it behooves all residents of Florida to join
25 individuals and groups across the country in an effort to raise
26 awareness of minority health disparities and to commit to
27 eliminate this distressing problem, NOW, THEREFORE,

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



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That the House of Representatives expresses its concern over the health disparities among the nation's populations and urges all Floridians to observe the month of April as National Minority Health Month by becoming involved in efforts to bring about awareness of this serious problem and to work to effect lasting change.