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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the creation of the Florida Dialogue on Cancer.

WHEREAS, with many of the state's populations experiencing financial and cultural barriers to accessing cancer care, Florida ranks second in the nation in cancer mortality, having sustained 92,200 new cases of cancer and 39,900 cancer-related deaths in 2002, and

WHEREAS, Florida is 19th among the states in receiving grants and awards from the National Cancer Institute, totaling approximately \$31.6 million, yet other states that rank close to Florida in cancer burden receive significantly more grant and award funding from the institute, and

WHEREAS, the expansion of biomedical research has the potential to yield large growth in Florida's economy, and every dollar spent on biomedical research may generate two-and-one-half times the spending back into the state by biotechnology and pharmaceutical firms, and

WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to gather the state's leaders from health care, cancer control, government, business and community-based organizations to collectively address Florida's cancer disparities through a public-private nonprofit collaborative partnership and to create a foundation that could significantly change the face and scope of cancer research and provide access to cancer screening and diagnostic and treatment services to all of Florida's residents, and



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28           WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, is  
29 positioned to create, lead, and sponsor such a collaboration of  
30 leaders, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35           That the House of Representatives recognizes the creation  
36 of the Florida Dialogue on Cancer sponsored by the Florida  
37 Division of the American Cancer Society and supports this bold  
38 new statewide initiative to systematically win Florida's fight  
39 against cancer.