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House Resolution

A resolution designating October 15, 2003, as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, an overwhelming number of American families suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss each year, and, while no account is kept of miscarriages of pregnancies from conception to 20 weeks, the Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report 2001 records 1,668 fetal deaths, 20 weeks gestation to full term; 980 neonatal deaths, birth to 28 days; and 1,495 infant deaths, under 1 year, and

WHEREAS, because of the nature of miscarriages and stillbirths and the lack of understanding of pregnancy loss and infant death, families that suffer these tragedies often must bear their pain and sorrow in private without an opportunity to grieve openly, and

WHEREAS, informed, compassionate support from family members, friends, and the community is vital to individuals and families who are coping with the loss of a child, whether by miscarriage or by death, and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance that the public, including friends and family members as well as professionals such as health care providers, clergy, funeral directors, and law enforcement officers, be informed and trained in matters pertaining to pregnancy and infant loss and their devastating effects on those who experience such losses, NOW, THEREFORE,

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



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31 That the House of Representatives extends its heartfelt
32 sympathy to all who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss,
33 calls upon all Floridians to become better informed as to the
34 causes of these tragic occurrences and thus better equipped to
35 offer much-needed support to those who are bearing the resultant
36 pain and grief, and hereby designates October 15, 2003, as
37 "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in Florida.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
39 presented to Lisa Brown as a tangible token of the sentiments
40 expressed herein.