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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing April 2003 as Cancer Control
3 Awareness Month in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, cancer strikes approximately three out of four
6 families, and it is estimated that two out of every five people
7 living in Florida will eventually develop this disease that
8 today accounts for one out of every four deaths in the state,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
11 Society estimates that a total of 96,100 new cases of cancer
12 will be diagnosed among the state's residents and that 40,100
13 Floridians will die from the disease during the year 2003, one-
14 third of which deaths will be related to nutrition, physical
15 inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle factors and could have
16 been prevented, and

17 WHEREAS, lung cancer accounted for 13 percent of the
18 cancers diagnosed in 2002 and 28 percent of the cancer deaths,
19 all attributed to the use of tobacco and thus were 100 percent
20 preventable, and

21 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for cancer victims is as
22 high as 95 percent if the disease is diagnosed at a localized,
23 early stage, a likelihood most probable with adherence to the
24 regular cancer screening guidelines developed by the American
25 Cancer Society, and

26 WHEREAS, it is hoped that Cancer Control Awareness Month
27 and statewide cancer-control initiatives such as the Florida
28 Dialog on Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society may be
29 a contributing factor in significantly reducing the burden of
30 cancer faced by Floridians today, 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 month of
36 April 2003 as Cancer Control Awareness Month in Florida and
37 urges all Floridians to understand the risks associated with
38 cancer, to change behaviors that increase the risk of the
39 disease, and to follow the American Cancer Society screening
40 guidelines as an effective preventive measure.

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