

By Senator Margolis

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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing the month of March
2004 as Endometriosis Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, endometriosis, a condition involving abnormal
uterine cell growth, affects more women than does breast
cancer, striking more than 5.5 million teens and women in the
United States alone and nearly 70 million worldwide, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown an elevated risk of certain
cancers and autoimmune diseases in endometriosis patients, and
endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility and
hysterectomy, and

WHEREAS, endometriosis may have a debilitating impact
on a woman's life and her relationships, in some cases
rendering her unable to work, to care for herself or her
family, or to go about her normal routines, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no definitive cure for
endometriosis, and

WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center (ERC) is a
nonprofit organization founded in 1997 to address the needs of
the international community of individuals who suffer from
endometriosis and to improve the quality of life for those
with the disease through education and support programs, and

WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center works to
raise awareness about endometriosis throughout the medical and
lay communities and raises funds to facilitate and promote
existing research for effective treatments and, ultimately, a
cure for the disease, and

WHEREAS, in observance of the anniversary of the
Endometriosis Research Center, events and activities,
including "ERC Casual Days," are held annually during the

1 month of March in an effort to educate the general public
2 about the significance of this disease, to support and assist
3 women living with the disease, and to raise funds for the
4 organization's efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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8 That the Florida Senate pauses in its deliberations to
9 recognize the worthy efforts of the Endometriosis Research
10 Center and to recognize March 2004 as Endometriosis Awareness
11 Month.

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