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House Resolution

A resolution declaring 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

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29 WHEREAS, in observance of the anniversary of the
30 Endometriosis Research Center, events and activities, including
31 "ERC Casual Days," are held annually during the month of March in
32 an effort to educate the general public about the significance of
33 this disease, to support and assist women living with the
34 disease, and to raise funds for the organization's efforts, NOW,
35 THEREFORE,

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

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40 That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to
41 recognize the worthy efforts of the Endometriosis Research
42 Center and to declare March 2004 as Endometriosis Awareness
43 Month.