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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Florida's Healthy Start coalitions and designating March 16, 2004, as "Healthy Start Day."

WHEREAS, there are 32 Healthy Start coalitions throughout the state, each charged with reducing infant mortality, and these coalitions have played a large part in improving Florida's rank in infant mortality to 29th in the nation, and

WHEREAS, Healthy Start coalitions, comprised of community volunteers who are uniquely positioned to assess and respond to maternal and infant health needs and to direct funding toward services that address those needs, have created a seamless system of care that benefited more than 152,000 moms and babies in Florida in fiscal year 2002-2003, and

WHEREAS, in 2002-2003, Healthy Start coalitions collectively leveraged more than \$21 million, including 27,200 volunteer hours of in-kind services and resources, cash, grants, and projects related to maternal and infant health, and drew down almost \$14 million in federal funding, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives pauses in its deliberations to applaud the outstanding efforts of, and recognize the remarkable benefits afforded by, the state's dedicated Healthy Start coalitions and to designate March 16, 2004, as "Healthy Start Day" in Florida.