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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2004 as Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Florida.

WHEREAS, among cancer cases in the state, colon cancer is the second most common cancer death among men and women, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society estimates that a total of 9,950 new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed among the state's residents and that 3,840 Floridians will die from the disease during the year 2004, and

WHEREAS, complying with the American Cancer Society's colon cancer screening guidelines can lower the number of cases by leading to the early detection and removal of polyps that could become cancerous, and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed early, 91 percent of people with colon cancer survive, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of March 2004 as Colon Cancer Awareness Month in Florida and urges all Floridians to understand the risks associated with colon cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection procedures in compliance with the American Cancer Society's screening guidelines as effective preventive measures.