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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing ACS State Healthcare Solutions Florida Dental Outreach Initiative.

WHEREAS, tooth decay is said to be the single most common chronic childhood disease - five times more common than asthma - and is one of the two most frequently cited reasons for school absence, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatricians, children from low-income families suffer from twice as many cavities as their more affluent peers, and the disease is more likely to remain untreated, leading to potential problems with eating, speaking, and paying attention in school, and plaguing individuals well into adulthood, and

WHEREAS, ACS State Healthcare Solutions, headquartered in Atlanta, is joining the Sunshine State Dental Society and the Dade County Dental Society to launch the 2005/2006 ACS State Healthcare Solutions Florida Dental Outreach Initiative in an effort to reach 5,000 low-income children in underserved areas, providing free dental screening, giving instructions in proper dental care, and making families aware of the extreme importance of preventive measures such as daily brushing, fluoride rinses, and dental sealants, and

WHEREAS, to help reinforce new behaviors learned during the events, each child is presented with a gift bag of products, including a toothbrush, toothpaste, calendar, educational literature, and a screening evaluation/recommendation report for his or her parents or guardian, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That ACS State Healthcare Solutions, the Sunshine State
4 Dental Society, and the Dade County Dental Society are
5 recognized for their efforts to improve the dental health of
6 the area's children through the 2005/2006 ACS State Healthcare
7 Solutions Florida Dental Outreach Initiative.

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