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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending Florida's Healthy Start coalitions and recognizing April 19, 2005, 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, which has dropped from 48th to 33rd, 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 174,126 mothers and babies in Florida in Fiscal Year 2003-2004, and

WHEREAS, in 2003-2004, Healthy Start coalitions collectively leveraged more than \$21 million, including 11,575 volunteer hours and \$2,615,038 of in-kind services and resources, cash, grants, and projects related to maternal and infant health, and drew down almost \$16.5 million in federal funding, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Senate pauses in its deliberations to applaud the outstanding efforts of and recognize the remarkable benefits afforded to the children and families of Florida by the state's dedicated Healthy Start coalitions and to recognize April 19, 2005, as "Healthy Start Day" in Florida.