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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 2005 as "Endometriosis  
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, endometriosis, a condition involving abnormal  
6 uterine cell growth, affects more women than does breast cancer,  
7 striking more than 5.5 million teens and women in the United  
8 States alone and nearly 70 million worldwide, and

9 WHEREAS, studies have shown an elevated risk of certain  
10 cancers and autoimmune diseases in endometriosis patients, and  
11 endometriosis is a leading cause of female infertility and  
12 hysterectomy, and

13 WHEREAS, endometriosis may have a debilitating impact on a  
14 woman's life and her relationships, in some cases rendering her  
15 unable to work, to care for herself or her family, or to go  
16 about her normal routines, and

17 WHEREAS, there is currently no definitive cure for  
18 endometriosis, and

19 WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center (ERC) is a  
20 nonprofit organization founded in 1997 to address the needs of  
21 the international community of individuals who suffer from  
22 endometriosis and to improve, through education and support  
23 programs, the quality of life for those with the disease, and

24 WHEREAS, the Endometriosis Research Center works to raise  
25 awareness about endometriosis throughout the medical and lay  
26 communities and raises funds to facilitate and promote existing  
27 research for effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for  
28 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  
32 in an effort to educate the general public about the  
33 significance of this disease, to support and assist women living  
34 with the disease, and to raise funds for the organization's  
35 efforts, NOW, 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 March 2005 is designated as "Endometriosis Awareness  
41 Month" in Florida.