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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 2005 as "National Nutrition
3 Month in Florida."

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5 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes that the
6 food we eat plays a vital role in our overall health and
7 fitness, that diet-related diseases decrease the quality of life
8 for millions of Americans in the United States each year, and
9 that there is an epidemic of obesity in the State of Florida,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health has stated that
12 the economic impact of excessive weight and obesity in the state
13 is manifested in the toll of certain diseases that result in the
14 expenditure of billions of dollars on the treatment of
15 cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes alone, and the
16 Federal Trade Commission has stated that consumers waste
17 billions of dollars each year on unproven, fraudulently
18 marketed, and potentially harmful products and treatments for
19 obesity, and

20 WHEREAS, the Florida Secretary of Health is conducting a
21 series of Obesity Summit meetings throughout the state, and

22 WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has
23 issued a "call to action" to prevent and decrease the excessive
24 weight and obesity that affect two-thirds of adults and 15
25 percent of children and adolescents, and

26 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human
27 Services' Healthy People 2010 Initiative cites nutrition and
28 weight as a specific focus for improving America's health,

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29 listing 18 objectives for promoting health and reducing chronic
30 diseases through proper diet and maintenance of healthy weight,
31 and

32 WHEREAS, there remains a critical need for continuing
33 nutrition education and a wide-scale effort to enhance healthy
34 eating practices, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That the House of Representatives designates March 2005 as
40 "National Nutrition Month in Florida," urges the provision of
41 increased education as to the prevention and treatment of
42 obesity-related diseases, and encourages all Floridians to
43 become more aware of the benefits of and the need for adopting
44 good nutritional practices.