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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary year of the
3 American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

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5 WHEREAS, what began as one man's personal statement in the
6 fight against cancer has led to the development of a worldwide
7 event to help banish cancer, and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid
9 runner, took the first step of his 24-hour trek around a track
10 in Tacoma, Washington, in May 1985 and ultimately clocked 83
11 miles, raising \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 1986, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr.
14 Klatt for this overnight event, and the American Cancer Society
15 Relay For Life was born, and

16 WHEREAS, Relay For Life, which in the last 20 years has
17 spread to more than 4,100 communities in the United States and
18 13 foreign countries, is the American Cancer Society's signature
19 event, offering everyone a chance to participate in the fight
20 against cancer in his or her local community, and

21 WHEREAS, the power of Relay For Life lies in its affording
22 a community an opportunity to grieve for those lost to cancer
23 and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived, while
24 embracing the hope that one day this dread disease will be
25 extinguished, and

26 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
27 Society annually hosts a Relay For Life event in more than 260

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28 | communities across the state, which in 2004 raised more than \$14
29 | million towards the eradication of the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 | Florida:

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34 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the year 2005
35 | as the 20th anniversary year of the American Cancer Society
36 | Relay For Life, the society's signature cancer-fighting event,
37 | and urges all Floridians to join their local community members
38 | in the fight against cancer.