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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 2005 as Colon Cancer
3 Awareness Month in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, colon cancer is one of the most prevalent yet, in
6 most cases, preventable cancers and is the second most common
7 cause of death among adult men and women in the State of
8 Florida, and

9 WHEREAS, it is possible to have colon or rectal cancer and
10 not have any cancer symptoms, and

11 WHEREAS, the risk for colon cancer is highest among older
12 adults, with more than 90 percent of all colon and rectal
13 cancers diagnosed in adults age 50 or older, and

14 WHEREAS, the Florida Division of the American Cancer
15 Society estimates that 9,860 new cases of colon cancer will be
16 diagnosed among Floridians in 2005 and that approximately 3,820
17 state residents will die from the disease this year, and

18 WHEREAS, Floridians can significantly lower the number of
19 incidents of colon cancer and deaths from this disease by
20 complying with the American Cancer Society's colon and rectal
21 cancer screening guidelines, which include beginning testing at
22 age 50, and

23 WHEREAS, approximately 49 percent of Floridians age 50 and
24 older report never having received a sigmoidoscopy or
25 colonoscopy exam, two of the screening exams recommended by the
26 American Cancer Society, and

27 WHEREAS, regular screenings may lower death rates by
28 detecting the disease at its earliest and most treatable stages

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29 | and may also prevent some cancers through the detection and
30 | removal of polyps, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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35 | That March 2005 is recognized as Colon Cancer Awareness
36 | Month in Florida, and all men and women are urged to understand
37 | the risks associated with colon cancer, to take preventive steps
38 | to minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection
39 | procedures in compliance with the American Cancer Society's
40 | recommended colon cancer screening guidelines.