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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Florida's Healthy Start  
3 coalitions and designating April 19, 2005, as "Healthy  
4 Start Coalitions Day."

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6 WHEREAS, there are 32 Healthy Start coalitions throughout  
7 the state, each charged with reducing infant mortality, and  
8 these coalitions have played a large part in improving Florida's  
9 rank in infant mortality, which has dropped from 48th to 33rd in  
10 the nation, and

11 WHEREAS, Healthy Start coalitions, comprised of community  
12 volunteers who are uniquely positioned to assess and respond to  
13 maternal and infant health needs and to direct funding toward  
14 services that address those needs, have created a seamless  
15 system of care that benefited more than 174,126 moms and babies  
16 in Florida in fiscal year 2003-2004, and

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

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24 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
25 Florida:

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27 That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
28 deliberations to applaud the outstanding efforts of, and

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29 | recognize the remarkable benefits afforded by, the state's  
30 | dedicated Healthy Start coalitions and to designate April 19,  
31 | 2005, as "Healthy Start Coalitions Day" in Florida.