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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing January 2006 as "Cervical Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer
6 diagnosed among women throughout the world, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks fourth in the United States for
8 total number of new cervical cancer cases annually, and the
9 American Cancer Society estimates that 730 new incidences of the
10 disease will be diagnosed in the state during the year 2005, and

11 WHEREAS, the primary cause of cervical cancer is infection
12 with human papillomavirus (HPV), a virus commonly found in
13 healthy women and only rarely resulting in cancer, and

14 WHEREAS, invasive cervical cancers are diagnosed at the
15 localized, most treatable and survivable stage in 57 percent of
16 white women and 49 percent of African-American women, and

17 WHEREAS, early detection is the key to detecting cervical
18 cancer during its precancerous stages, and the incidence of and
19 mortality from cervical cancer has been greatly reduced through
20 the use of annual Pap tests, which can detect precancerous
21 lesions that may be treated before a cancer develops, and

22 WHEREAS, the observance of January as Cervical Cancer
23 Awareness Month and the promotion cervical cancer screening
24 programs, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
25 funded Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection
26 Program, will aid in early cervical cancer detection through
27 regular screening, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
30 | Florida:

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32 | That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of
33 | January 2006 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
34 | urges all women to avail themselves of a better understanding of
35 | the risks associated with this disease, to take preventive steps
36 | to minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection
37 | procedures such as Pap tests and other cervical cancer screening
38 | as recommended by the American Cancer Society guidelines.