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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating May 15-21, 2005, as "Hurricane
3 Preparedness Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida is the most hurricane-vulnerable state in
6 the nation, and

7 WHEREAS, the greatest threat to life and property in
8 Florida is storm surge and inland flooding, and high winds and
9 tornados can affect the entire state, including inland and
10 coastal areas, and

11 WHEREAS, in 2004, Florida experienced the most active
12 hurricane season in its recent history, with five named storms
13 causing 123 fatalities and creating damage totaling more than
14 \$42 billion, and

15 WHEREAS, it is vital that the state's citizenry and
16 numerous visitors remain aware of the potential hazards posed by
17 the occurrence of a hurricane, and

18 WHEREAS, an accurate knowledge of hurricanes and timely
19 forecasting are among the best methods of protection for the
20 public, and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Florida's citizens
22 that they take personal responsibility for the safety of
23 themselves and their families and property by developing a
24 disaster preparedness plan based upon their own needs, NOW,
25 THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
28 Florida:

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30 That the House of Representatives designates May 15-21,
31 2005, as "Hurricane Preparedness Week" in Florida, urges all
32 residents to increase their knowledge and awareness of the
33 hazards associated with hurricanes, and encourages individuals
34 and families to take stock of their disaster supply kits and to
35 replenish their supplies on Action Day, May 21, 2005.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florida's K-12 schools are
37 encouraged to educate their students on the importance of a
38 family hurricane preparedness plan and to provide educational
39 materials for such use.