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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of April 2006 as  
3 "Autism Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, autism is a severely incapacitating, lifelong  
6 developmental disability resulting in significant impairment of  
7 an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive  
8 behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal  
9 communication, and

10 WHEREAS, autism, now the third most common developmental  
11 disability in America, which affects one in every 166  
12 individuals and millions nationwide, is the result of a  
13 neurological disorder affecting the functioning of the brain,  
14 but few members of the general public understand this complex  
15 syndrome, and

16 WHEREAS, although no cure for autism has been found,  
17 persons with the disability can be helped to reach their  
18 greatest potential; hence, accurate, early diagnosis and the  
19 resulting appropriate education and intervention are vital to  
20 the future growth and development of those affected by this  
21 disorder, and

22 WHEREAS, support groups, such as the National Autism  
23 Registry and the Florida Chapter of the Autism Society of  
24 America, have dedicated years of service to their ongoing  
25 efforts to promote awareness of the needs of persons with autism  
26 and to advocate for their rights, including the right to  
27 dignity, respect, and appropriate education and employment; and  
28 these groups remain deeply committed to enabling families,

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29 professionals, and the general public to better understand the  
30 effects of this lifelong disability, and

31 WHEREAS, autism is a complex neurological disorder that  
32 requires continuing, increased research in the quest to one day  
33 find a prevention and cure, and greater recognition and  
34 understanding must be sought to accurately diagnose and  
35 appropriately treat throughout their lives those individuals  
36 with autism in Florida and in all of America, NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
39 Florida:

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41 That the House of Representatives acknowledges the  
42 necessity of a continuing search for the cause and prevention of  
43 autism and for a concerted effort to understand and support  
44 those individuals and their caregivers who are touched by this  
45 disability and to this end designates the month of April 2006 as  
46 "Autism Awareness Month" in Florida.