

HR 9109

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House Resolution

A resolution designating the month of January 2007 as
"Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, Florida ranks fourth in the United States for the
total number of new cervical cancer cases each year, and the
American Cancer Society estimates that 680 new cases will be
diagnosed in the state during 2006, and

WHEREAS, the primary cause of cervical cancer is infection
with human papillomavirus (HPV), a virus commonly found in
healthy women but that only rarely results in cancer, and

WHEREAS, early detection through annual Pap tests, as
recommended by the American Cancer Society, is the key to
detecting cervical cancer, and the incidence of and mortality
from cervical cancer has been greatly reduced as a result of
these tests, which can detect precancerous lesions that may be
treated before a cancer develops, and

WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening through programs
such as the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early
Detection program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention often results in early cervical cancer detection at
precancerous stages, and

WHEREAS, invasive cervical cancers are diagnosed at the
localized, most treatable and survivable stage in 56 percent of
Caucasian women and 48 percent of African-American women, NOW,
THEREFORE,

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

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33 That the House of Representatives designates the month of
34 January 2007 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
35 urges all women to avail themselves of a better understanding of
36 the risks associated with cervical cancer, to take preventive
37 steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection
38 procedures such as Pap tests and adherence to the American
39 Cancer Society recommended cervical cancer screening guidelines.