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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the month of April 2006 as  
3 "Cancer Control Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, during the course of a lifetime, cancer, the  
6 leading cause of death, will strike approximately one out of two  
7 men and one out of three women, accounting for one of every four  
8 deaths, but it has been determined that many cancers can be  
9 cured if detected early and treated promptly or can be prevented  
10 by lifestyle changes, and

11 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that, during  
12 2006, more than 98,960 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in  
13 Florida alone and more than 39,930 Floridians will die from the  
14 disease, and

15 WHEREAS, 87 percent of all lung cancer deaths and 29  
16 percent of all cancer deaths are attributable to cigarette  
17 smoking or other tobacco use, and as many as one-third of such  
18 deaths expected during this year may be associated with poor  
19 nutrition, physical inactivity, obesity, and other lifestyle  
20 factors and thus may have been prevented, and

21 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for all cancers combined  
22 is 65 percent, but survival rates may increase significantly for  
23 certain cancers such as breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers  
24 if they are detected and treated early, and cancer incidence and  
25 death in Florida may be significantly reduced with increased  
26 awareness of and adherence to the American Cancer Society's  
27 cancer screening guidelines, and

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28 WHEREAS, the observance of Cancer Control Awareness Month  
29 and the promotion of such statewide cancer-control initiatives  
30 as the American Cancer Society-sponsored Florida Dialogue on  
31 Cancer may be of significant benefit to the state and its  
32 residents in realizing a substantial reduction in this  
33 devastating disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
36 Florida:

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38 That the House of Representatives recognizes the month of  
39 April 2006 as "Cancer Control Awareness Month" in Florida and  
40 urges all Floridians to avail themselves of a better  
41 understanding of the risks associated with the incidence of  
42 cancer, to adopt behaviors that are likely to lessen these  
43 risks, and to increase the chances of early detection and cure  
44 by following the American Cancer Society's cancer screening  
45 guidelines.