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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating October 2006 as "Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed
6 in women in the nation, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation for total number
8 of new breast cancer cases and deaths from breast cancer, and

9 WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer, the
10 single most important risk factor of which is age since breast
11 cancers predominantly occur in women age 50 and older, and the
12 risk increases with age until age 80, and

13 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more
14 than 13,360 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be
15 diagnosed in Florida and approximately 2,570 women will die of
16 the disease during the year 2006, and

17 WHEREAS, a woman living in the United States has a one-in-
18 eight chance of developing breast cancer, and

19 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause of
20 cancer death in white women and among African-American women,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical exams
23 and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with
24 the American Cancer Society recommended guidelines, is the key
25 to detecting breast cancer at the earliest stages, and

26 WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer, if the
27 disease is found in its earliest stages, is 98 percent but drops

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28 | to 26 percent if the cancer is detected late, in a stage of
29 | metastases, and

30 | WHEREAS, in conjunction with the promotion of October as
31 | "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," breast cancer awareness
32 | programs, such as the American Cancer Society's "Reach to
33 | Recovery" program, will promote early breast cancer detection
34 | through regular screening, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 | That the House of Representatives designates October 2006
40 | as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all
41 | women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer, to
42 | take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo
43 | early detection procedures such as mammography and compliance
44 | with the American Cancer Society recommended breast cancer
45 | screening guidelines.