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House Resolution

A resolution designating October 2007 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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

WHEREAS, Florida ranks fourth in the nation for the total number of new breast cancer cases and second in the nation for the total number of deaths from breast cancer, and

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 11,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in Florida and approximately 2,700 women will die of the disease during the year 2007, and

WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida has a one-in-eight chance of developing breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in white, African-American, American Indian, and Hispanic women in the United States, and

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

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

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

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

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

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40 | That the House of Representatives designates October 2007
41 | as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all
42 | women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer, to
43 | take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo
44 | early detection procedures such as mammography and compliance
45 | with the American Cancer Society recommended breast cancer
46 | screening guidelines.