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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing May 2007 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases that cause pain, swelling, and limited movement in joints and connective tissue throughout the body, the most prevalent forms of which are osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis, and

WHEREAS, nearly 46 million American adults have been diagnosed with arthritis and almost 3 million Floridians are affected by arthritis, and

WHEREAS, arthritis is one of the most common chronic health problems and the number one cause of limitation in movement in the United States and costs Americans approximately \$128 billion and Florida approximately \$5.1 billion in direct and indirect expenses and costs, and

WHEREAS, the Arthritis Foundation's mission is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases, and the Florida Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and the Department of Health of the State of Florida work to protect and promote the health of Floridians and extend efforts to prevent disease and injury, and

WHEREAS, the month of May, as National Arthritis Month, allows time for people to become aware and to take control of their arthritis, to seek preventive measures against its painful and debilitating effects, and to modify their lifestyles and activities in the pursuit of optimum health, 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 recognizes the month of
34 May 2007 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all
35 men and women to be aware of the seriousness of this disease and
36 to seek appropriate treatment to minimize its impact on their
37 lives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
39 presented to the Florida Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and
40 the Department of Health of the State of Florida as a tangible
41 token of the sentiments expressed herein.