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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating May 2007 as "Stroke Awareness
3 Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, strokes are the third leading cause of death among
6 adults in the United States, causing more than 150,000 deaths
7 annually, and is a leading cause of serious long-term
8 disability, and

9 WHEREAS, strokes kill more women in the United States every
10 year than breast cancer, and the death rate caused by strokes is
11 greater among African Americans and senior citizens than it is
12 among other Americans, and

13 WHEREAS, many Americans are unaware of the risk factors of
14 strokes and have no knowledge of the symptoms of an impending
15 stroke, and

16 WHEREAS, warning signs include sudden numbness or weakening
17 of muscles in the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of
18 the body; sudden confusion, impairment of speech, or
19 incomprehension; sudden impairment of vision; sudden inability
20 to walk, coordinate motor functions, or maintain balance;
21 dizziness; and sudden severe headaches without any apparent
22 cause, and

23 WHEREAS, new and effective ways of treating strokes have
24 been developed to diminish the impairment of victims, but much
25 more research is needed to advance the discovery of improved
26 medical care to reduce the risk of stroke and its damaging
27 effects, and

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28 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the promotion of May as
29 "Stroke Awareness Month," stroke awareness programs such as
30 "Young People and Stroke" and the "Igniting the Power" program
31 will increase public awareness and empower those at high risk of
32 having a stroke, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That the House of Representatives designates May 2007 as
38 "Stroke Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all Floridians to
39 understand the symptoms and risk factors associated with strokes
40 and to take preventive steps toward minimizing those risks.