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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution declaring April 22-28, 2007, as "Immunization
3 Awareness Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, vaccines have eradicated smallpox and polio in the
6 United States of America and drastically reduced incidences of
7 measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis, and other diseases, but
8 despite this accomplishment, tens of thousands of people in the
9 United States die from vaccine-preventable diseases, and

10 WHEREAS, every dollar spent on immunization saves an
11 average \$10 in future disease-related health care costs, and

12 WHEREAS, immunization education and disease awareness
13 programs lead to improved vaccine usage and better health
14 outcomes, and

15 WHEREAS, rapid distribution of vaccines is of vital
16 importance in the management and containment of disease under
17 normal circumstances, but is even more so during mass outbreaks
18 of disease or in the event of a natural disaster, and

19 WHEREAS, threats of bioterrorism and other disasters of
20 widespread proportion exist in the world today, and access to
21 vaccines and health care services is essential in the combat
22 against such threats, and

23 WHEREAS, encouraging collaboration among Florida's
24 university researchers and other private and public research
25 efforts is necessary to the fostering of biotechnology research,
26 the manufacturing and distribution of vaccines, and the
27 establishment of biotechnology advisory bodies, and

28 WHEREAS, in order to protect the health of its citizens,

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29 residents, and visitors through preemptive measures, Florida is
30 striving to become the nation's leader in research,
31 manufacturing, and inoculation of immunizations and is
32 committing itself to encouraging companies to locate themselves
33 in Florida to help achieve this goal, 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 April 22-28, 2007, is declared "Immunization Awareness
39 Week" in Florida.