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Senate Resolution

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2 A resolution urging support of the American Stroke
3 Association's "Power to End Stroke" campaign and
4 recognizing May 2008 as "Power to End Stroke Month" in
5 Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the
8 United States, striking approximately 700,000 Americans each year
9 and killing 150,000, and

10 WHEREAS, stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-term
11 disability in the United States, with more than 1.1 million
12 adults experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with
13 activities of daily living resulting from stroke, and

14 WHEREAS, on the average, a stroke occurs every 45 seconds in
15 the United States and takes a life every 3 minutes, and

16 WHEREAS, the estimated direct and indirect costs of stroke
17 in the United States this year will be greater than \$62 billion,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans are unaware of their risk
20 factors for a stroke and are unaware of the signs and symptoms of
21 an impending stroke, and

22 WHEREAS, statistics show that African Americans have almost
23 twice the risk of a first stroke compared to Caucasians,
24 primarily because of their increased risk of hypertension, high
25 cholesterol, and diabetes, and

26 WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association recently launched
27 the "Power to End Stroke" campaign, the goal of which is to
28 educate and empower African Americans, as well as those of other
29 ethnic groups, to fight stroke in their communities, NOW,

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30 | THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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34 | That the Senate recognizes May 2008 as "Power to End Stroke
35 | Month" in Florida and urges all residents of this state to
36 | recognize that stroke must be taken seriously in order to reduce
37 | its risks.

38 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges all Floridians
39 | to support the American Stroke Association's "Power to End
40 | Stroke" campaign by becoming familiar with the warning signs,
41 | symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke and live
42 | stronger, healthier lives.