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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution observing March 6, 2008, as World Glaucoma
3 Day.

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5 WHEREAS, glaucoma is the second leading global cause of
6 blindness, affecting approximately 3 million Americans and 65
7 million people worldwide, and

8 WHEREAS, approximately 120,000 Americans have gone blind
9 from glaucoma, accounting for 9 percent to 12 percent of all
10 cases of blindness in the United States, and

11 WHEREAS, blindness ranks third as a major health fear among
12 Americans according to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, and

13 WHEREAS, certain population groups, including African
14 Americans, Hispanics, senior citizens, persons with diabetes,
15 and persons with a family history of glaucoma, are at the
16 greatest risk of developing glaucoma, and

17 WHEREAS, while there is no cure for glaucoma, early
18 detection through routine eye examinations and aggressive
19 treatment upon diagnosis present the best opportunity to
20 preserve sight, and

21 WHEREAS, the United States is a leader in innovation
22 related to eye care and the treatment of conditions like
23 glaucoma, and

24 WHEREAS, World Glaucoma Day is a global initiative aimed at
25 raising the awareness of glaucoma and will be inaugurated on
26 March 6, 2008, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That the Florida House of Representatives observes March 6,
32 | 2008, as World Glaucoma Day and respectfully recognizes the
33 | patient groups, medical professionals, governments, and
34 | companies that have come together to raise awareness of glaucoma
35 | and promote early detection and treatment of the disease.