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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World
3 Diabetes Day and recognizing March 25, 2008, as American
4 Diabetes Alert Day in Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the
7 International Diabetes Federation established World Diabetes Day
8 in 1991 with the aim of coordinating diabetes advocacy
9 worldwide, and

10 WHEREAS, while World Diabetes Day efforts to raise global
11 awareness of diabetes last the entire year, the day itself is
12 celebrated worldwide each year on November 14, and

13 WHEREAS, with the passage of the United Nations World
14 Diabetes Day Resolution in December 2006 recognizing diabetes as
15 a chronic, debilitating, and costly disease, World Diabetes Day
16 was made an official United Nations World Health Day, and

17 WHEREAS, American Diabetes Alert Day, a one-day "wake-up"
18 call to inform the American public about the seriousness of
19 diabetes, is observed annually on the fourth Tuesday in March,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, March 25, 2008, marks the 20th annual observance
22 of American Diabetes Alert Day and, on this day, the American
23 Diabetes Association will "sound the alert" about the dangers of
24 diabetes and encourage people to take the Diabetes Risk Test,
25 which can be obtained from the association, and

26 WHEREAS, the theme of the 2007-2008 World Diabetes Day
27 campaign focuses on raising awareness of diabetes in children
28 and adolescents, who face unique challenges when diagnosed with

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29 | diabetes, and aims to establish the message that no child should
30 | die of diabetes, and

31 | WHEREAS, diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by
32 | disease in the world and is the sixth leading cause of death in
33 | the United States, and

34 | WHEREAS, diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney
35 | failure, amputation, heart attack, and stroke, and

36 | WHEREAS, in almost every country, the incidence of diabetes
37 | is increasing, growing from an estimated 30,000,000 people
38 | worldwide in 1985 to an estimated 245,000,000 people in 2007 and
39 | to an estimated 380,000,000 by 2025, as reported by the
40 | International Diabetes Federation, and

41 | WHEREAS, the incidence has also increased in Florida from
42 | 538,000 people in 1994 to 1,112,000 people in 2007, as reported
43 | by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and

44 | WHEREAS, diabetes can strike children at any age and, when
45 | diagnosed in young people, increases the risk of developing
46 | life-threatening complications at an early age and shortens life
47 | expectancy by 10 to 20 years on average, and

48 | WHEREAS, new figures from the International Diabetes
49 | Federation's Diabetes Atlas suggest that worldwide more than
50 | 70,000 children develop type 1 diabetes each year and 440,000
51 | children under the age of 14 now live with type 1 diabetes, and

52 | WHEREAS, recent data indicate that one out of every three
53 | children born in the United States will develop diabetes during
54 | his or her lifetime, including one out of every two children
55 | from ethnic minority groups, and

56 | WHEREAS, the incidence of type 2 diabetes, which was

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57 | previously rare in children, is rising at an alarming rate, with
58 | between 8 percent and 45 percent of all new diagnoses in
59 | children being this form of diabetes, and

60 | WHEREAS, obesity is a major contributor to type 2 diabetes,
61 | and

62 | WHEREAS, at least 30,000,000 overweight children are
63 | classified as obese, accounting for at least 2 percent of the
64 | world's children between 5 and 17 years of age, and

65 | WHEREAS, research has shown conclusively that type 2
66 | diabetes can be prevented or significantly delayed through
67 | healthy weight maintenance and regular physical activity, and

68 | WHEREAS, adopting a lifestyle with high levels of physical
69 | activity and with a low-sugar, low-fat diet can successfully
70 | prevent the onset of obesity and diabetes among school-age
71 | children, and

72 | WHEREAS, the national excess medical costs of diabetes in
73 | the United States in 2007 were over \$116 billion, and the excess
74 | medical costs of diabetes in Florida in 2007 were nearly \$9
75 | billion, and

76 | WHEREAS, the economic impact of diabetes threatens to
77 | undermine the achievement of the United Nations' Millennium
78 | Development Goals for developing countries, NOW, THEREFORE,

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80 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
81 | Florida:

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83 | That the Florida House of Representatives supports the
84 | goals and ideals of World Diabetes Day and recognizes March 25,
85 | 2008, as American Diabetes Alert Day in Florida.