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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of January 2009 as
3 "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer
6 diagnosed among women throughout the world, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida ranks fourth in the United States for the
8 highest number of new cervical cancer cases each year, and the
9 American Cancer Society estimates that 770 new cases will be
10 diagnosed in the state during 2008, and

11 WHEREAS, the primary cause of cervical cancer is infection
12 with human papillomavirus (HPV), a virus commonly found in
13 healthy women but that only rarely results in cancer, and

14 WHEREAS, early detection through annual Pap tests, as
15 recommended by the American Cancer Society, is the key to
16 detecting cervical cancer, and the incidence of and mortality
17 from cervical cancer has been greatly reduced as a result of
18 these tests, which can detect precancerous lesions that may be
19 treated before a cancer develops, and

20 WHEREAS, the incidence of cervical cancer can be
21 significantly reduced through the administration of the first
22 vaccine developed to prevent the infections that cause cervical
23 cancer to females between the ages of 9 and 26, and

24 WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening through programs
25 such as the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early
26 Detection program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and
27 Prevention often results in early cervical cancer detection at
28 precancerous stages, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

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33 That the House of Representatives designates the month of
34 January 2009 as "Cervical Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and
35 urges all women to avail themselves of a better understanding of
36 the risks associated with cervical cancer, to take preventive
37 steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo early detection
38 procedures such as Pap tests and adherence to the American
39 Cancer Society recommended cervical cancer screening guidelines.