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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the month of March as "Colon
3 Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, colon cancer is one of the most prevalent and yet,
6 in most cases, preventable cancers, and

7 WHEREAS, among cancer cases in the State of Florida, colon
8 cancer is the second most common cause of death among adults,
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10 WHEREAS, it is possible to have colon or rectal cancer and
11 not have any cancer symptoms, and

12 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 10,920 new cases of colon
13 cancer will be diagnosed among Floridians and 3,420 will die
14 from the disease during the year 2008, and

15 WHEREAS, the risk for colon cancer increases with age, with
16 more than 90 percent of all colon and rectal cancers diagnosed
17 in adults age 50 or older, and

18 WHEREAS, Floridians can significantly lower the number of
19 incidents of colon cancer and deaths from this disease by
20 complying with the American Cancer Society colon and rectal
21 cancer screening guidelines, which include beginning testing at
22 age 50, and

23 WHEREAS, approximately 41 percent of Floridians age 50 and
24 older report never having received a sigmoidoscopy or
25 colonoscopy exam, which are two of the screening exams
26 recommended by the American Cancer Society, and

27 WHEREAS, regular screenings may lower death rates by
28 detecting the disease at its earliest and most treatable stages,

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29 | and may also prevent some cancers by detecting and removing
30 | polyps, and

31 | WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, has
32 | engaged in a comprehensive, integrated approach to significantly
33 | impact colorectal cancer in Florida through the launching of its
34 | "No Excuses Campaign to Defeat Colon Cancer in Florida,"
35 | focusing primarily on increasing public awareness, affecting
36 | physician behavior through partnerships with health care
37 | organizations, and advocating for insurance coverage, NOW,
38 | THEREFORE,

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40 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
41 | Florida:

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43 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
44 | month of March 2008 as "Colon Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida
45 | and urges all men and women to understand the risks associated
46 | with colon cancer, to take preventive steps to minimize those
47 | risks, and to undergo early detection procedures in compliance
48 | with the American Cancer Society's recommended colon cancer
49 | screening guidelines.