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House 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
9 year and killing 150,000, and

10 WHEREAS, stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-
11 term 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
15 in 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,
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19 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans are unaware of their
20 risk factors for a stroke and are unaware of the signs and
21 symptoms of 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

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29 ethnic groups, to fight stroke in their communities, NOW,
30 THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 Florida:

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

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