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## House Resolution

A resolution designating October 2008 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the third most frequently diagnosed cancer and is ranked third among cancer deaths in women in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks second in the nation for the total number of breast cancer deaths and fourth in the nation for the total number of new breast cancer cases, and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for breast cancer, the single most important factor of which is age since breast cancers predominantly occur in women age 50 and older, and the risk increases with age until age 80, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more than 11,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in Florida and approximately 2,760 women will die of the disease during the year 2008, and

WHEREAS, a woman living in Florida has a one-in-eight chance of developing breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, for women living in the United States, breast cancer is the first most common cause of cancer death in Hispanic women and the second most common cause of cancer death in white, African-American, Asian-American, and American Indian women, and

WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical examinations and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in compliance with the American Cancer Society recommended

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29 | guidelines, is the key to detecting breast cancer at the  
30 | earliest stages, and

31 |         WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer is 98  
32 | percent if the disease is found in its earliest stages but drops  
33 | to 26.7 percent if the cancer is detected late in a stage of  
34 | metastasis, and

35 |         WHEREAS, in conjunction with the promotion of October as  
36 | "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," breast cancer awareness  
37 | programs, such as the American Cancer Society's "Reach to  
38 | Recovery" program, will promote early breast cancer detection  
39 | through regular screening, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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44 |         That the House of Representatives designates October 2008  
45 | as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida and urges all  
46 | women to understand the risks associated with breast cancer, to  
47 | take preventive steps to minimize those risks, and to undergo  
48 | early detection procedures such as mammography and compliance  
49 | with the American Cancer Society recommended breast cancer  
50 | screening guidelines.