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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 19, 2009, as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, deep vein thrombosis (DVT) is a common but serious medical condition that occurs when a blood clot forms inside a deep vein, usually in the lower limbs, leading to either partially or completely blocked circulation, and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 million Americans are affected by DVT each year and 600,000 of those are hospitalized for the condition, and

WHEREAS, pulmonary embolism, a complication of DVT, may be the most common, preventable cause of hospital death in the United States, and up to 300,000 individuals who develop the condition each year will die unnecessarily, more than the number of Americans who die as a result of AIDS and breast cancer combined, and

WHEREAS, symptoms of DVT may include pain, swelling and increased temperature, tenderness, and discoloration or redness of the affected area, yet as many as half of all DVT episodes produce minimal symptoms or symptoms that are completely silent, and

WHEREAS, national television correspondent David Bloom, who reported for a Florida media station during Hurricane Andrew, died of a pulmonary embolism while covering the war in Iraq, and his widow, Melanie Bloom, and the more than 50 member organizations of the Coalition to Prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis are working to raise public awareness of this silent killer, and

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29 WHEREAS, the declaration of March 19, 2009, as "Deep Vein
30 Thrombosis Awareness Day" in the State of Florida will honor the
31 memory of David Bloom, help the public understand that awareness
32 of the dangers of DVT and the preventability of the condition
33 are critical in reducing the risk of DVT, and draw attention to
34 the fact that the education of health care professionals,
35 policymakers, and the public about the risk factors and
36 prevention measures associated with DVT will reduce the number
37 of individuals who die or become disabled because of this
38 condition and its life-threatening complications, NOW,
39 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 Florida House of Representatives designates March
45 19, 2009, as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Day" in recognition
46 of the need to make all Florida residents aware of the dangers
47 of deep vein thrombosis.