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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the seriousness of sports-related
3 eye injuries in children and the importance of sports eye
4 safety to protect the children of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, while the long-term benefits of playing sports are
7 clear, sports are the leading cause of eye injuries in children,
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9 WHEREAS, eye injuries are one of the chief causes of visual
10 impairment, permanent vision loss, and blindness in children,
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12 WHEREAS, the majority of sports-related eye injury victims
13 are children, with children under 15 years of age accounting for
14 43 percent of sports-related eye injuries, and

15 WHEREAS, approximately 90 percent of sports-related eye
16 injuries are preventable with the use of appropriate, sport-
17 specific protective eyewear, and

18 WHEREAS, while baseball and basketball account for the
19 largest number of eye injuries for young athletes, many other
20 popular sports, such as football, tennis, soccer, hockey, golf,
21 and water sports, also put unprotected players at risk for
22 serious eye injury, and

23 WHEREAS, school districts, parks and recreation
24 departments, and other local, county, and state entities
25 sponsoring organized sports activities play a vital role in
26 making the public, especially parents, aware of the dangers of
27 sports-related eye injuries in children and of the benefits of

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28 | the use of sport-specific protective eyewear as a means to
29 | reduce the risk of significant eye injury, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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34 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes the
35 | seriousness of sports-related eye injuries in children and the
36 | importance of sports eye safety in protecting Florida's children
37 | and applauds the efforts of school districts, parks and
38 | recreation departments, and other local, county, and state
39 | entities sponsoring organized sports activities to advocate the
40 | use of appropriate protective eyewear when children participate
41 | in sports.