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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 2009 as "Power to End Stroke
3 Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the
6 United States, striking about 700,000 Americans each year and
7 killing 150,000, and

8 WHEREAS, stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-
9 term disability in the United States, with more than 1.1 million
10 adults experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with
11 activities of daily living resulting from stroke, and

12 WHEREAS, on the average, a stroke occurs every 45 seconds
13 in the United States and takes a life every 3 minutes, and

14 WHEREAS, the estimated direct and indirect costs of stroke
15 in the United States this year will be more than \$65.5 billion,
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17 WHEREAS, many Americans are unaware of their risk factors
18 for a stroke and are unaware of the signs and symptoms of an
19 impending stroke, and

20 WHEREAS, statistics show that African Americans have almost
21 twice the risk of a first stroke compared to Caucasians, in part
22 because of their increased risk of high blood pressure and
23 diabetes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
26 Florida:

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28 That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes May
29 2009 as "Power to End Stroke Month" in Florida and urges all
30 residents of this state to recognize that stroke must be taken
31 seriously in order to reduce its risks.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida House of
33 Representatives urges all Floridians to become familiar with the
34 warning signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke
35 and live stronger, healthier lives.