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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating October 2009 as "Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed
6 cancer after skin cancer and is ranked second among cancer
7 deaths in women in the United States, and

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

11 WHEREAS, although all women are at risk for breast cancer,
12 the single most important factor is age since breast cancers
13 predominantly occur in women age 40 and older and the risk
14 increases with age until age 80, and

15 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that more
16 than 11,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed
17 in Florida last year and approximately 2,760 women died of the
18 disease in 2008, and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, early detection, through routine clinical
27 examinations and mammography screening beginning at age 40 in
28 compliance with the American Cancer Society's 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 2009
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's recommended breast cancer
50 | screening guidelines.