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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing October 2010 as "Domestic
3 Violence Awareness Month."

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5 WHEREAS, domestic violence touches the lives of Americans
6 of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and
7 children of every background and circumstance, and

8 WHEREAS, a family's home becomes a place of fear,
9 hopelessness, and desperation when a person is battered by her
10 or his partner or a child witnesses the abuse of a loved one,
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12 WHEREAS, victims of violence often suffer in silence, not
13 knowing where to turn, with little or no guidance and support,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, there are almost 200 homicides and over 113,000
16 total criminal offenses annually attributed to domestic violence
17 in this state, and

18 WHEREAS, Florida has 42 certified domestic violence
19 shelters that provided services to more than 14,500 victims of
20 domestic violence and their children in 2008, and

21 WHEREAS, during this month, we rededicate ourselves to
22 addressing the horrific crime of domestic violence and pledge
23 our commitment to end domestic violence in Florida, recognizing
24 that domestic violence can be prevented, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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29 That October 2010 is recognized as "Domestic Violence
30 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida, and the Florida House
31 of Representatives calls upon the people of Florida, especially
32 local police chiefs, sheriffs, judges, state attorneys,
33 representatives from area domestic violence centers, and other
34 interested citizens, to observe Domestic Violence Awareness
35 Month through activities and ceremonies that seek to increase
36 the accountability and change the behavior of the people in our
37 communities who abuse their partners and their children.