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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the week of February 6-12, 2011,
3 as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" in the State
4 of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are the most common birth
7 defect, and congenital heart disease is the leading cause of
8 birth-defect-related deaths worldwide, and

9 WHEREAS, in the United States, nearly twice as many
10 children die from a congenital heart defect each year than from
11 all forms of childhood cancers combined, and

12 WHEREAS, every year one out of every 150 babies born in the
13 state of Florida is born with a congenital heart defect, and
14 numerous families across the United States are facing the
15 challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital
16 heart defects, and

17 WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed
18 until months or years after birth, and undiagnosed congenital
19 heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in
20 young athletes, and

21 WHEREAS, despite these alarming statistics, newborns and
22 young athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart
23 defects, some of which may be treated or corrected with
24 medicine, medical devices, or surgery, and

25 WHEREAS, the annual cost for surgery and care of congenital
26 heart defects exceeds \$4.8 billion, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That the Florida House of Representatives recognizes
32 | February 6-12, 2011, as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week"
33 | in the State of Florida.