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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 2011 as "Power to End Stroke
3 Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the
6 United States, striking over 700,000 Americans each year and
7 killing more than 133,750, including 8,524 Floridians, 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 40 seconds
13 in the United States and takes a life every 4 minutes, and

14 WHEREAS, the estimated direct and indirect costs of stroke
15 in the United States this year will be more than \$73.7 billion,
16 and

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 May 2011 is recognized as "Power to End Stroke Month"
29 in Florida and that all residents of this state are urged to
30 recognize that stroke must be taken seriously in order to reduce
31 its risks.

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