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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 1, 2012, as "Men's Low
3 TESTosterone Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, an estimated 13 million men in the United States
6 are affected by hypogonadism, also known as low testosterone,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, low testosterone is defined as less than 300
9 nanograms per deciliter of blood, which a simple blood test can
10 diagnose, and

11 WHEREAS, men over the age of 45 with common health problems
12 such as obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure may be twice
13 as likely as other men their age to have low testosterone, and

14 WHEREAS, men with high cholesterol, prostate disease, and
15 asthma are also more likely to have low testosterone than
16 healthy men, and

17 WHEREAS, there is a high prevalence of low testosterone
18 levels in HIV-infected men associated with weight loss,
19 progression to AIDS, wasting, depression, and loss of muscle
20 mass and exercise capacity, and

21 WHEREAS, low testosterone levels may significantly impair
22 quality of life resulting in loss of body and facial hair,
23 weakened bones, increased body fat, depression, sleep
24 disturbances, and fatigue, and

25 WHEREAS, despite the high prevalence of low testosterone in
26 men, testosterone deficiency is undertreated and overlooked
27 because men frequently ignore their symptoms or attribute them

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28 | to other causes such as aging or diseases associated with aging,
29 | and

30 | WHEREAS, many men with low testosterone could benefit from
31 | treatments now available to them, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That June 1, 2012, is recognized as "Men's Low TESTosterone
37 | Awareness Day" and citizens of this state are encouraged to
38 | observe this day by participating in educational and other
39 | activities to raise awareness about testosterone deficiency in
40 | men, learn how to improve the quality of life for people in
41 | Florida suffering from the condition by raising awareness and
42 | screening for the condition, and enhance patient and primary
43 | care physician communication about the symptoms and treatment
44 | options available for the condition.