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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating July 2012 as "Human
3 Trafficking Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, liberty and human rights are fundamental
6 principles of the United States, and

7 WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery
8 exercised through forced labor, sexual exploitation, debt
9 bondage, involuntary servitude, and forced marriage, and

10 WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking include children,
11 United States citizens, residents, and foreign nationals, and

12 WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking suffer emotional,
13 psychological, and physical horrors at the hands of their
14 captors, and

15 WHEREAS, human traffickers use physical and psychological
16 tactics, including coercion and violence against the victims and
17 their families, control of the victims' money, and threats of
18 deportation or imprisonment if the victims reach out for
19 assistance or escape, to instill fear in their victims and keep
20 them enslaved, and

21 WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal
22 industry in the world and is tied with arms dealing as the
23 second largest criminal industry in the world, and

24 WHEREAS, human traffickers view Florida as one of the most
25 attractive destinations and transit points for their victims,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Florida has the third highest call volume to the
28 National Human Trafficking Resource Center, and

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29 WHEREAS, the people of Florida are committed to protecting
30 the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through continued
31 prevention, prosecution, education, and awareness, NOW,
32 THEREFORE,

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

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37 That January 2012 is designated as "Human Trafficking
38 Awareness Month" in the State of Florida and all Floridians are
39 encouraged to educate themselves about the dangers of human
40 trafficking.