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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 15-20, 2013, as "Haitian American Nurses Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, in 1984, two registered professional nurses practicing in Miami, Alice Casimir and Jacqueline Dasque, saw the need to establish an organization that would provide health care services to migrant workers in the Homestead area and, along with other professionals, founded the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., and

WHEREAS, this nonprofit membership organization was established in order to provide Haitian nurses with the opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of interest to the profession of nursing, and to become effectively involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of Florida's Haitian community, goals that were significantly furthered at the association's first annual nursing convention in 2012, held at Miami Dade College and entitled "Empowering Future Nurse Leaders through Mentoring, Caring, and Leadership," and

WHEREAS, the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., strives to increase the enrollment of Haitian students in nursing schools in both Florida and Haiti through nursing scholarships, educational and mentoring opportunities, and facilitation of community networking among its members, and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with other community organizations, the association provides culturally sensitive care while promoting health and wellness through its various

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29 services, including community health fairs, media education,
30 youth-focused interventions, emergency response services, and
31 immunization drives, and in 2012, the association participated
32 in numerous activities such as the Haitian American Leadership
33 Organization Convention, the Miami Dade College Medical Campus
34 Annual Community Health Fair, Horeb Seventh Day Adventist Church
35 Breast Cancer Awareness Day, Professional Nursing Organization
36 Day, and the Broward Public Health Department's Back-to-School
37 Immunization Drive, and

38 WHEREAS, in its commitment to reshaping the health care
39 delivery system for citizens of Florida and of Haiti, the
40 Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., has
41 partnered with many organizations throughout the state and
42 nation, including Miami Dade College, the Miami-Dade County
43 Health Department, the Florida Heart Research Institute, the
44 Florida Nurses Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
45 Florida, the Haitian American Professionals Coalition, the
46 American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society,
47 among others, NOW, THEREFORE,

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49 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
50 Florida:

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52 That April 15-20, 2013, is designated as "Haitian American
53 Nurses Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.