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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2, 2014, as "Dentists' Day on the Hill."

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Association, a statewide professional membership organization representing nearly 6,500 licensed dentists in this state, was established in 1884 to advance the public health through professional education and public advocacy while promoting high practice standards and improving the professional practice environment, and

WHEREAS, studies show that good oral health may help prevent heart disease, arterial blockage, stroke, diabetes, preterm delivery, low-birth-weight babies, and bacterial pneumonia, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Association is promoting "Dentistry: Gateway to Good Health" to emphasize that oral health is directly linked to a person's overall health, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Association has developed "Mouth Wise," a dental health education kit designed to give children a basic understanding of their teeth, mouths, and gums; the importance of preventive dentistry; and the relationship of preventive dentistry to overall health care, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Dental Association has also developed a "Mouth Wise" dental health education kit for middle school students which teaches the importance of dental health care and

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26 | includes information on nutrition and soft drink consumption,  
27 | the use of mouth guards and smokeless tobacco, and oral  
28 | piercing, and

29 |       WHEREAS, in 1993, the Florida Dental Association joined  
30 | efforts with the Florida Department of Health's Volunteer Health  
31 | Care Provider Program to create "Project: Dentists Care," a  
32 | dental access program that, from July 2012 to June 2013,  
33 | provided care for underserved adults and children statewide,  
34 | donating an estimated \$11.9 million in services according to the  
35 | Florida Dental Health Foundation, and

36 |       WHEREAS, in February 2014, dentists in this state  
37 | volunteered dental services for the annual "Give Kids A Smile"  
38 | event, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
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43 |       That April 2, 2014, is recognized as "Dentists' Day on the  
44 | Hill."

45 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
46 | presented to the Florida Dental Association as a tangible token  
47 | of the sentiments expressed herein.