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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 6-12, 2014, as "Haitian  
3 American Nurses Awareness Week" in the State of  
4 Florida.

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

12 WHEREAS, this nonprofit membership organization was  
13 established in order to provide Haitian nurses with the  
14 opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of  
15 interest to the profession of nursing, and to become effectively  
16 involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and  
17 welfare of Florida's Haitian community, and

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

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

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26 | services, including community health fairs, media education,  
27 | youth-focused interventions, emergency response services, and  
28 | immunization drives, and

29 |       WHEREAS, in its commitment to reshaping the health care  
30 | delivery system for citizens of Florida and of Haiti, the  
31 | Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida, Inc., has  
32 | partnered with many organizations throughout the state and  
33 | nation, including the American Cancer Society, the Florida  
34 | Breast Cancer Foundation, Miami Dade College, Florida  
35 | International University, Florida Blue, VITAS Innovative Hospice  
36 | Care, Project Medishare, the Miami-Dade County Health  
37 | Department, Konbit for Haiti, and the Haitian American  
38 | Professionals Coalition, among others, NOW, THEREFORE,

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40 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
41 | Florida:

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43 |       That April 6-12, 2014, is designated as "Haitian American  
44 | Nurses Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.