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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2015 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, each year between 2009 and 2011, an average of 136,000 Floridians suffered traumatic brain injuries, and

WHEREAS, approximately 9,800 Floridians currently sustain permanent, lifelong disabilities from traumatic brain injury, resulting in a life-altering experience that may include serious physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments, and

WHEREAS, nearly 214,000 Floridians currently live with permanent disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury, but the lack of public awareness is so pervasive that traumatic brain injury is known in the disability community as the "silent epidemic," and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury attributable to roadside bombs and blasts is one of the signature wounds of war, and

WHEREAS, most cases of traumatic brain injury are preventable, and enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury is essential in injury prevention and the development of effective treatment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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27   Month" in Florida.