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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 2015 as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is an incurable neurological condition that impairs a person's ability to control his or her muscles, and

WHEREAS, the onset of cerebral palsy occurs while a child's brain is still developing, is the most common form of motor control disorder in children, and affects one out of every 330 births in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in the majority of cases, the cause of cerebral palsy is congenital, but brain injury before birth or during labor and delivery, abnormal brain development, infection, or head injury caused by accident or abuse may also cause the disability, and

WHEREAS, early signs of cerebral palsy include delayed development of abilities such as rolling over, sitting, standing, and walking, and

WHEREAS, as the disability further progresses, a child with cerebral palsy will be unable to clap, touch his or her mouth, or crawl on all fours, and

WHEREAS, as no cure exists for cerebral palsy, treatments focus on managing the disorder, optimizing the child's potential, and preventing or correcting deformities, and

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26 WHEREAS, support groups are dedicated to promoting
27 awareness of the needs of persons with cerebral palsy and
28 advocating for their rights, and

29 WHEREAS, cerebral palsy is a lifelong disorder that
30 requires continued research to find treatment options to help
31 those affected by it and to educate and raise awareness among
32 families and loved ones, NOW, 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 March 2015 is designated as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness
38 Month" in the State of Florida and all citizens are encouraged
39 to acknowledge the necessity for continued research of the
40 disorder and for understanding and support of individuals and
41 their caregivers who are affected by the disability.