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House Resolution

1 A resolution recognizing May 2016 as "American Stroke
2 Month" in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the
6 United States, striking more than 795,000 Americans each year
7 and killing almost 130,000, including a total of 26,588
8 Floridians from 2012 through 2014, and

9 WHEREAS, stroke is also a leading cause of serious long-
10 term disability in the United States, with more than 1.1 million
11 adults experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with
12 activities of daily living resulting from stroke, and

13 WHEREAS, on the average, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds
14 and takes a life every 4 minutes in the United States, and

15 WHEREAS, many Americans are unaware of their risk factors
16 for a stroke and of the signs and symptoms of an impending
17 stroke, and

18 WHEREAS, statistics show that African Americans have almost
19 twice the risk of a first stroke compared to Caucasians, in part
20 because of their increased risk of high blood pressure and
21 diabetes, and

22 WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End
23 Stroke" initiative, which begins on May 1 and continues year-
24 round, encourages Americans to learn their personal stroke risk,
25 memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the
26 first sign of a stroke, and

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27 WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End
28 Stroke" initiative helps people learn how to recognize and
29 respond to stroke warning signs using the acronym "FAST," in
30 which "F" stands for face drooping, "A" stands for arm weakness,
31 "S" stands for speech difficulty, and "T" stands for time to
32 call 911 if any signs are present, 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 May 2016 is recognized as "American Stroke Month" in
38 Florida and that all residents of this state are urged to
39 familiarize themselves with the risk factors, warning signs, and
40 symptoms associated with stroke, and, at the first sign of a
41 stroke, to dial 911, so that we may begin to reduce the
42 devastating effects of stroke on our population and Floridians
43 may live stronger, healthier lives.