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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2017 as "Springs
3 Protection Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the
6 environment, economy, and residents of, and visitors to, this
7 state, and

8 WHEREAS, the Floridan Aquifer, one of the most productive
9 in the world, supports more than 700 natural springs, giving
10 this state the world's highest concentration of springs, and

11 WHEREAS, more than 93 percent of Florida residents rely on
12 this groundwater supply for their drinking water, and

13 WHEREAS, groundwater plays a vital role in the state's
14 economy, and

15 WHEREAS, springs are a natural resource that must be
16 protected because they reflect groundwater conditions and
17 provide an important habitat for wildlife, including species
18 listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species
19 Act, and

20 WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources
21 and opportunities that are enjoyed by residents and visitors
22 alike, and

23 WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge more than 19 billion
24 gallons of fresh water each day, which is essential for
25 sustaining spring runs and associated receiving water bodies,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, healthy springs reflect the State of Florida's
28 commitment to sustain and protect ground and surface water
29 resources, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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33 That April 2017 is recognized as "Springs Protection
34 Awareness Month" in Florida, and all levels of government are
35 encouraged to support springs protection, restoration, and
36 preservation awareness.