

HR 8005

2017

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2017 as "Springs
Protection Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the
environment, economy, citizens, and visitors of this state, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in
the world, which supports more than 900 natural springs and
gives this state one of the world's highest concentrations of
springs, and

WHEREAS, the groundwater supply is vital to the state's
economy, and approximately 93 percent of Florida residents rely
on it for their drinking water, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs reflect groundwater conditions
and provide an important habitat for wildlife, making them a
natural resource that must be protected, and

WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources
and opportunities that are enjoyed by citizens and visitors of
this state alike, and

WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge nearly 8 billion
gallons of water each day, and healthy springs reflect the State
of Florida's commitment to sustainable groundwater and surface
water resource protection, NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
26 | Florida:

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28 | That April 2017 is recognized as "Springs Protection
29 | Awareness Month" in the State of Florida, and all levels of
30 | government are encouraged to support springs protection,
31 | restoration, and preservation awareness.