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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating September 2017 as
3 "Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, gynecologic cancer represents the uncontrolled
6 growth and spread of malignant cells originating in the female
7 reproductive organs, and

8 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in the United States, 71,500
9 women will be diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and
10 approximately 26,500 women will succumb to the disease in 2017,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, cervical cancer occurs most often in women over
13 the age of 30 and it is estimated that, in 2017, 12,820 new
14 cases of cervical cancer will be diagnosed in the United States
15 and 4,210 women will die from the disease, and

16 WHEREAS, of all the gynecologic cancers, only cervical
17 cancer has proven prevention and screening tools, including the
18 Papanicolaou test, and

19 WHEREAS, the Papanicolaou test only screens for cervical
20 cancer, and with no reliable way to screen for any other
21 gynecologic cancer it is important that women recognize warning
22 signs and understand risk reduction strategies, and

23 WHEREAS, the human papillomavirus (HPV) is the primary
24 cause of the majority of cases of cervical cancer, and that

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25 | discovery has resulted in the development and use of a vaccine
26 | that could eliminate this disease, and

27 | WHEREAS, uterine cancer, also known as endometrial cancer,
28 | starts in the uterus and typically affects women over the age of
29 | 50, and

30 | WHEREAS, it is estimated that 61,380 women in the United
31 | States will be diagnosed with uterine cancer and 10,920 women
32 | will die from this cancer in 2017, and

33 | WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all the
34 | gynecologic cancers and all women are at risk for this cancer,
35 | and

36 | WHEREAS, 90 percent of women who get ovarian cancer are
37 | over the age of 40, and in 2017, it is estimated that 22,440 new
38 | cases will be diagnosed and 14,080 women will die from this form
39 | of cancer in the United States, and

40 | WHEREAS, vulvar cancer, often linked to HPV, accounts for
41 | approximately 4 percent of cancers of the female reproductive
42 | organs and 0.6 percent of all cancers in women, and

43 | WHEREAS, in 2017, it is estimated that 6,020 women in the
44 | United States will be diagnosed with vulvar cancer and 1,150
45 | women will die from this disease, and

46 | WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1,000 women in the United
47 | States are affected by vaginal cancer, and while vaginal cancer
48 | is very rare, when detected early, treatment of the disease is
49 | most effective, and

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50 WHEREAS, recent advances in cancer genetics have led to the
51 identification of genes that may cause significantly increased
52 risk for certain cancers, and

53 WHEREAS, the purple ribbon is the international symbol for
54 gynecologic cancer awareness, and

55 WHEREAS, founded in 2011 and based in southwest Florida,
56 the Betty Allen Gynecologic Cancer Foundation is dedicated and
57 actively engaged in providing programs to help increase
58 education and raise awareness about gynecologic cancers in order
59 to save lives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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64 That the Florida House of Representatives commends the
65 Betty Allen Gynecologic Cancer Foundation for its efforts to
66 educate residents in the state about gynecologic cancer and
67 designates September 2017 as "Gynecologic Cancer Awareness
68 Month" in the State of Florida.