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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 13, 2017, as "Human Trafficking Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial exploitation, and

WHEREAS, currently there are between 20.9 million and 45.8 million people enslaved around the world through human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking victims can be of any age and gender, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking generates an estimated \$150 billion in illegal profits each year, and

WHEREAS, Florida is ranked third in the nation for human trafficking cases and is considered a transit and recruiting destination into which many of these victims are trafficked, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida are urged to join in the fight to end human trafficking through education and prevention within their communities to help those most vulnerable to human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to be a leader in the United States for human trafficking awareness, training for law enforcement officers and others, and legislative efforts to combat this crime, and its citizens must continue to ensure at-

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26 risk populations are being educated, victims are being
27 protected, survivors are being empowered, and traffickers are
28 being prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, NOW,
29 THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 Florida:

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34 That April 13, 2017, is designated as "Human Trafficking
35 Awareness Day" in Florida.

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state law enforcement agencies
38 and local governments, communities, and citizens are commended
39 for their support and efforts against human trafficking and are
40 encouraged to remain vigilant and cognizant of the issue in
order to protect Florida's citizens and visitors to the state.