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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing May 2018 as "American Stroke  
3 Month" in Florida.  
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5 WHEREAS, stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the  
6 United States, killing almost 140,000 people each year, and

7 WHEREAS, more than 795,000 people suffer from a stroke in  
8 the United States each year, and

9 WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of long-term disability  
10 and the leading preventable cause of disability in the United  
11 States, and

12 WHEREAS, stroke-related health care services, prescribed  
13 treatments, and missed days of work cost the United States an  
14 estimated \$34 billion annually, and

15 WHEREAS, many people in the United States are unaware of  
16 the risk factors for a stroke, which include high blood  
17 pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes, and

18 WHEREAS, the American Stroke Association's "Together to End  
19 Stroke" initiative helps people learn how to recognize and  
20 respond to stroke warning signs and symptoms using the acronym  
21 "FAST," in which "F" stands for face drooping, "A" stands for  
22 arm weakness, "S" stands for speech difficulty, and "T" stands  
23 for time to call 911 if any signs are present, and

24 WHEREAS, to improve stroke outcomes, we must bring  
25 awareness to other stroke warning signs and symptoms, including

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26 | sudden onset of numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg,  
27 | especially on one side of the body; confusion, trouble speaking,  
28 | or trouble understanding when being spoken to; difficulty seeing  
29 | out of one or both eyes; trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of  
30 | balance or coordination; or severe headache with no known cause,  
31 | and

32 |       WHEREAS, during May 2018, the goal of the "Together to End  
33 | Stroke" initiative is to inform Americans that strokes are  
34 | largely preventable, treatable, and beatable and to increase  
35 | awareness and inspire action with respect to prevention, acute  
36 | treatment, and post-stroke rehabilitation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
39 | Florida:

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41 |       That May 2018 is recognized as "American Stroke Month" in  
42 | Florida and that all residents of this state are urged to  
43 | familiarize themselves with the risk factors, warning signs, and  
44 | symptoms associated with stroke, and, at the first sign of a  
45 | stroke, to dial 911, so that we may begin to reduce the  
46 | devastating effects of stroke on our population and all  
47 | Floridians may live stronger, healthier lives.