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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 2022 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), typically appear in children before the age of 3 and are often accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention, and sensory processing, and

WHEREAS, Florida has one of the highest rates of ASD in the nation at 4.88 percent of the state's population, and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 44 children in the United States is living with ASD, and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that although ASD can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, or other factors, it is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls, and

WHEREAS, early intervention significantly improves outcomes and reduces the level of funding and services needed to treat an individual with ASD later in life, and

WHEREAS, parents and relatives of individuals with ASD dedicate endless hours in providing for the special needs of their loved ones, and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate passed House Concurrent Resolution 303 on

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26 February 25, 2008, which emphasized the need to support
27 individuals with ASD as well as their family members, teachers,
28 physicians, and caregivers, and

29 WHEREAS, many family members and caregivers work tirelessly
30 to give individuals with ASD the opportunity to realize their
31 ambitions and lead rewarding lives, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Florida:

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36 That April 2022 is recognized as "Autism Awareness Month"
37 in Florida.