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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2024 as "Autism
3 Awareness Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism are typically present
6 before the age of three and are often accompanied by
7 abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention, and
8 sensory processing, and

9 WHEREAS, Florida has the highest rate of autism in the
10 nation at 4.88 percent of the state population, and

11 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention, approximately 1 in 36 children are living with
13 autism in the United States, and

14 WHEREAS, autism is four times more likely to occur in boys
15 than in girls, and

16 WHEREAS, autism can affect anyone, regardless of race,
17 ethnicity, or other factors, and

18 WHEREAS, the parents and relatives of individuals with
19 autism dedicate much of their lives to providing for the special
20 needs of those individuals, and

21 WHEREAS, early intervention services for children diagnosed
22 with autism can improve outcomes and reduce the level of funding
23 and services needed for treatment later in life, and

24 WHEREAS, individuals living with autism can be and are
25 members of the workforce, often with the help of training

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26 | programs tailored to the needs of individuals with developmental
27 | disabilities that provide appropriate support and training, and
28 | WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed House Concurrent
29 | Resolution 303 on February 25, 2008, recognizing the importance
30 | of autism awareness and the need to support individuals living
31 | with autism spectrum disorder and their family members,
32 | teachers, physicians, and other professionals who care for such
33 | individuals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 | Florida:

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38 | That April 2024 is recognized as "Autism Awareness Month"
39 | in Florida.