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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating October 15, 2026, as
3 "National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day"
4 in Florida.
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6 WHEREAS, the loss of an infant is a devastating occurrence,
7 yet many parents and families feel they cannot talk openly about
8 such grief and trauma due to social and cultural taboos against
9 miscarriage, stillbirth, and medical complications, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress chose the
11 month of October as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month,"
12 and President Ronald Reagan subsequently issued a proclamation
13 observing this month, and

14 WHEREAS, on September 28, 2006, the United States Congress
15 passed Concurrent Resolution 222 supporting the goals and ideals
16 of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, and

17 WHEREAS, the United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child
18 Mortality Estimation, led by UNICEF, reported that, in 2023,
19 approximately 2.3 million newborns died in their first month of
20 life and that nearly 1.9 million stillbirths occurred globally,
21 equivalent to roughly one stillbirth every 17 seconds, and

22 WHEREAS, the American College of Obstetricians and
23 Gynecologists estimates miscarriage is the most common form of
24 pregnancy loss, with as many as 26 percent of all pregnancies
25 ending in miscarriage, and

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26 WHEREAS, among the approaches to combat infant mortality is
27 Florida's Healthy Start program, which offers home visits,
28 parental education, stress management education, and care
29 coordination services to pregnant women and families of young
30 children and, through its manifold services, strives to reduce
31 risk factors associated with preterm labor, low birth weight,
32 infant mortality, and poor developmental outcomes, and

33 WHEREAS, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
34 is a day to shatter the culture of silence surrounding infant
35 and pregnancy loss and to help parents and their families defy
36 the social and cultural taboos against disclosing and
37 remembering the loss of their young ones, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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42 That October 15, 2026, is designated as "National Pregnancy
43 and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in Florida.