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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 2017 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is currently the second leading cause of cancer death among both men and women, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, approximately 135,430 people in the United States will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and about 50,260 people will die from the disease, and

WHEREAS, the average risk of developing colorectal cancer in one's lifetime is 5 percent, and this risk may increase according to age, family history, and ethnicity, and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2013 incidence report, Florida citizens were affected by colorectal cancer at a rate of 35.8 per 100,000, and the death rate was 13.4 per 100,000, and

WHEREAS, with early detection, the 5-year survival rate for colorectal cancer is approximately 90 percent, but even with regular screenings, only 4 out of 10 cases are detected sufficiently early, and factors including lack of awareness and inability to afford proper screenings often prevent detection, and

WHEREAS, if colorectal cancer is discovered in later stages when it has begun to spread to other organs, the survival rate is a mere 10 percent, but this survival figure could increase if

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26 | adults over the age of 50 partook in regular screenings to
27 | discover the cancer in its earlier stages, and

28 | WHEREAS, increasing awareness of and education about
29 | colorectal cancer leads to significant progress in both
30 | preventing and overcoming the disease, as the majority of cases
31 | have proven to be both treatable and survivable, 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 March 2017 is designated as "Colorectal Cancer
37 | Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.