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2022

1 House Resolution 2 A resolution recognizing April 2022 as "Springs 3 Protection Awareness Month" in Florida. 4 5 WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the 6 environment, economy, residents, and visitors of this state, and 7 WHEREAS, Florida has one of the most productive aquifers in 8 the world, which supports more than 1,000 natural springs and 9 gives this state one of the world's highest concentrations of 10 springs, and 11 WHEREAS, Florida is home to more first-magnitude and second-magnitude springs than any other state in the nation, and 12 13 WHEREAS, the groundwater supply is vital to the state's 14 economy, and approximately 90 percent of Florida residents rely on it for their drinking water, and 15 16 WHEREAS, Florida's springs reflect groundwater conditions and provide an important habitat for wildlife, making them a 17 18 natural resource that must be protected, and WHEREAS, springs provide important recreational resources 19 20 and opportunities that are enjoyed by residents and visitors of 21 this state alike, and WHEREAS, Florida's springs discharge nearly 8 billion 22 23 gallons of water each day, and healthy springs reflect the State 24 of Florida's commitment to sustainable groundwater and surface water resource protection, NOW, THEREFORE, 25

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27	Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
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30	That April 2022 is recognized as "Springs Protection
31	Awareness Month" in Florida.