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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing October 15, 2023, 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 World Health Organization reports that, in
18 2018, 4 million infants died within the first year of life; that
19 there are nearly 2 million stillbirths every year, or one in
20 every 16 seconds; and that one in four pregnancies result in
21 miscarriage, and

22 WHEREAS, among the approaches to combat infant mortality is
23 Florida's Healthy Start program, which offers home visits,
24 parent education, stress management education, and care
25 coordination services to pregnant women and families of young

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26 | children and, through its manifold services, strives to reduce
27 | risk factors associated with preterm labor, low birth weight,
28 | infant mortality, and poor developmental outcomes, and

29 | WHEREAS, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
30 | is a day to shatter the culture of silence surrounding infant
31 | and pregnancy loss and to help parents and their families defy
32 | the social and cultural taboos against disclosing and
33 | remembering the loss of their young ones, 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 October 15, 2023, is recognized as "National Pregnancy
39 | and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in Florida.