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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating May 7-11, 2012, as
3 "Disability Awareness Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, over 36 million Americans are classified as
6 disabled, roughly 12 percent of the total population, and more
7 than 50 percent of those disabled individuals are classified as
8 in their working years, and

9 WHEREAS, the leading causes of new disability claims in
10 2010 included musculoskeletal/connective tissue disorders,
11 cancer, injuries and poisoning, cardiovascular/circulatory
12 disorders, and mental disorders, and

13 WHEREAS, the majority of disabilities, an estimated 95
14 percent according to the Council for Disability Awareness (CDA),
15 are caused by illnesses rather than accidents, and

16 WHEREAS, more than 6 million children with disabilities
17 receive special education and related services within schools
18 each year through the Individuals with Disabilities Education
19 Act (IDEA), and

20 WHEREAS, each child who receives education services under
21 IDEA must have an Individualized Education Program which is
22 constructed to fit his or her needs to better aid the child in
23 obtaining his or her goals, and

24 WHEREAS, IDEA mandates that transition planning must begin
25 when a student turns 16 at the very latest to ensure vocational
26 or postsecondary education, independent living, and community
27 participation, and

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28 WHEREAS, educating people about disabilities and the
29 circumstances encountered by those having a disability
30 contributes to efforts to assist such individuals, particularly
31 those who are children, to live their lives to the fullest as
32 contributing members of society, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That May 7-11, 2012, is designated as "Disability Awareness
38 Week" in Florida.