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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2011 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Florida.

5 WHEREAS, 100,000 Floridians annually sustain a traumatic 6 brain injury, and

7 WHEREAS, more than 8,300 Floridians sustain permanent, 8 life-long disabilities from a traumatic brain injury that 9 results in a life-altering experience that may include serious 10 physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments, and

11 WHEREAS, more than 210,000 Floridians currently live with 12 permanent disabilities resulting from a traumatic brain injury, 13 but the lack of public awareness is so vast that traumatic brain 14 injury is known in the disability community as the "silent 15 epidemic," and

16 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury attributable to roadside 17 bombs and blasts is the signature wound of the global War on 18 Terror, and military personnel who return to Florida with 19 traumatic brain injuries require additional state and local 20 resources, and

21 WHEREAS, most cases of traumatic brain injury are 22 preventable, and enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain 23 injury is essential in preventing and developing effective 24 treatment and providing necessary resources, and

25 WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc., has 26 recognized March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month," NOW, 27 THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: 30

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