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House Resolution

A resolution designating May 12, 1999, as
"Fibromyalgia Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue
Syndrome Awareness Day" in the State of
Florida.

WHEREAS, chronic immunological and neurological
diseases such as Fibromyalgia Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue
Syndrome are some of the fastest growing health concerns in
the world today, attacking men and women of all ages,
ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds, and children, and

WHEREAS, these devastating disorders are often
characterized by overwhelming fatigue, severe musculoskeletal
pain, concentration problems, sleep disorders, cognitive and
memory dysfunction, headaches, allergy symptoms, and numerous
other problems that usually last a lifetime, and

WHEREAS, these perplexing medical conditions are often
considered invisible disabilities due to the nature of their
symptoms, symptoms that do not always appear obvious to the
common observer, and

WHEREAS, these illnesses have no known cure and are
often further complicated by secondary, coexisting conditions
that contribute to additional stress for patients who
experience difficulty in performing everyday activities
associated with home, family, and community, and

WHEREAS, these chronic and debilitating medical
conditions interrupt education and employment, denying the
basic enjoyment of life and causing the accumulation of
tremendous medical expenses, often increasing the need for
patients to file for Social Security Disability Income, and

1 WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health and the
2 Centers for Disease Prevention and Control are investigating
3 and attempting to document the concentration, extent, and
4 causes of these syndromes, with the hope of finding a cure,
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6 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the extent to
7 which many of its citizens suffer with these chronic and often
8 severely debilitating medical conditions, causing them to
9 significantly modify their lives in order to at least
10 minimally cope on a daily basis, and is pleased to join with
11 these patients in devoting a special day to increasing
12 knowledge and understanding about these illnesses, and in
13 supporting valuable medical research into their cause and
14 eventual cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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16 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
17 Florida:

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19 That the House of Representatives of the State of
20 Florida hereby designates May 12, 1999, as "Fibromyalgia
21 Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day" in the
22 State of Florida.