

By Senator Dawson

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1 Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

2 A resolution recognizing June 2002 as  
3 Scleroderma Awareness Month.

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5 WHEREAS, the health of the residents in our communities  
6 is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and

7 WHEREAS, our future depends, in great measure, upon our  
8 ability to find cures for and adequately treat individuals who  
9 are afflicted with a variety of illnesses, and

10 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans are  
11 afflicted with scleroderma, a disfiguring and debilitating  
12 connective-tissue disorder that affects the vascular and  
13 immune systems, resulting in a hardening of the skin and  
14 organs, and

15 WHEREAS, this painful condition can strike at any age,  
16 regardless of gender or ethnicity, although women between the  
17 ages of 25 and 55 are more likely to be afflicted than are  
18 men, and

19 WHEREAS, the noble work of the Scleroderma Foundation  
20 has provided us all with hope that some day this disease will  
21 be eradicated and that the foundation's efforts to educate and  
22 comfort those touched by scleroderma will be justly rewarded  
23 with a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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27 That in order to provide an opportunity to educate the  
28 public about this often life-threatening disease and the more  
29 than 300,000 Americans who suffer from it, the Florida Senate  
30 recognizes the month of June 2002 to be Scleroderma Awareness  
31 Month.