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House Resolution

A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Eating Disorders Association.

WHEREAS, an estimated 5 million to 10 million people in the United States suffer from eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are more common among women, although an increasing number of men also suffer from these disorders, and

WHEREAS, at least 0.5 percent of adolescent and adult females in the United States will suffer from anorexia nervosa in their lifetimes, at least 1.1 percent of adolescent and adult females will suffer from bulimia nervosa in their lifetimes, and an estimated 2 to 5 percent of both sexes experience binge eating disorder in any given 6-month period, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeat, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, peptic ulcer, tooth decay, obesity, gall bladder disease, diabetes, and death, and

WHEREAS, eating disorders are associated with substantial psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse, and suicide, with anorexia nervosa having the highest premature mortality rate of any mental illness, and

WHEREAS, shame, guilt, and misunderstanding often afflict a person who suffers from an eating disorder, thus preventing treatment of the disorder, and

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29 WHEREAS, the goals and ideals of the National Eating
30 Disorders Association and its member organizations are to
31 increase public awareness of eating disorders and to promote
32 healthful eating habits and a healthy body image, NOW,
33 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 the House of Representatives supports the goals and
39 ideals of the National Eating Disorders Association to increase
40 public awareness and expand access to appropriate and effective
41 treatment of eating disorders.