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House Resolution

A resolution designating August 2004 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, also known as Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome, is a chronic condition characterized by severe, burning pain, pathological changes in bone and skin, excessive sweating, tissue swelling, and extreme sensitivity to touch, and

WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome, or RSDS, is most often the result of trauma to the extremities; however, it may also be a consequence of sprains, fractures, surgery, damage to blood vessels or nerves, and cerebral lesions, and

WHEREAS, not a rare disorder, all age groups are susceptible to RSDS, although it is more common in individuals between the ages of 40 and 60, particularly women, and in children it is often misdiagnosed as a psychiatric condition, and

WHEREAS, while treatment of and cure for RSDS is complex, early recognition and proper management may lead to the prevention of a crippling condition, and

WHEREAS, the North Florida RSD/CRPS Support Group and the Internet website RSDCare.org were founded by Jacksonville resident Tanya Kee, a victim of RSDS, with the goal of increasing awareness of RSDS and focusing on positive ways of dealing with this disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That the House of Representatives designates the month of August 2004 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Month" in Florida and urges all residents of the state to gain a better understanding of the symptoms associated with this disease and the ever-present struggles endured by RSDS sufferers.