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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending current research on Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) and calling this research to the attention of the public.

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs) are defects existing at birth, and

WHEREAS, given growing familiarity with this disorder, more diagnoses are being made of what was long thought to be a very rare disorder and one for which there were few or no solutions, and

WHEREAS, CHDs are now recognized to be among the most common birth defects and are the leading cause of birth-defect-related deaths, and

WHEREAS, too many babies and children born with CHDs continue to die as a result of the severity of their heart defect, the heart defect not being detected in time, a lack of donor hearts, or failure of the medical intervention used, and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 infants, 1 of every 125 to 150 infants, are born with heart defects in the United States each year, and

WHEREAS, at least 35 different types of congenital heart defects are now recognized, and numerous medical scientists are researching the disorder in order to more accurately understand its origin, physical signs and symptoms, and surgical remedies, and

WHEREAS, the public should be made more aware of CHDs so that early diagnosis and vigorous intervention will become more likely, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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3 That the Florida Senate recognizes the significance of
4 new research on the origin, manifestations of, and potential
5 surgical remedies for Congenital Heart Defects; commends this
6 research in the interests of preserving the lives of newborns
7 and children; and urges that the public be informed of these
8 medical developments.

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