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House Resolution

A resolution designating May 2008 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, also known as Complex 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, or RSD, and Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, or CRPS, is most often caused by a 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, all age groups are susceptible to RSD/CRPS, 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 the treatment of RSD/CRPS is complex, early recognition and proper management may lead to the prevention of a crippling condition, and

WHEREAS, employers and health insurance companies are urged to recognize RSD/CRPS as a physical disease and not a psychological condition, although psychological problems may develop as a result of the physical pain associated with RSD/CRPS, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That the House of Representatives designates the month of
32 | May 2008 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Month" in Florida and
33 | urges all residents of the state to gain a better understanding
34 | of the symptoms associated with this disease and the ever-
35 | present struggles endured by RSD/CRPS sufferers.