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House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing May 12, 2008, as "Fibromyalgia
3 Awareness Day" in Florida.
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5 WHEREAS, an estimated 10 million people in the United
6 States – 6 to 8 percent of the population of our country – and
7 millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with
8 fibromyalgia, a disease for which there is no known cause or
9 cure, and

10 WHEREAS, fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder – increasing at
11 alarming rates – which causes fatigue and debilitating pain in
12 women, men, and children of all ethnicities, and

13 WHEREAS, patients with this illness often have to learn to
14 live with widespread pain throughout their bodies; extreme
15 fatigue; sleep disorders; stiffness and weakness; migraine
16 headaches; numbness and tingling; and impairment of memory and
17 concentration, and

18 WHEREAS, it often takes an average of 5 years to receive a
19 diagnosis of fibromyalgia, and medical professionals frequently
20 are inadequately educated on the diagnosis and treatment of
21 fibromyalgia, and

22 WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the
23 realities of life with fibromyalgia will allow the community at
24 large to better support people who struggle with the challenges
25 of this chronic pain disorder, and

26 WHEREAS, the National Fibromyalgia Association and other
27 groups around our country have joined together to promote

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28 | fibromyalgia awareness and support, including improved
29 | education, diagnosis, research, and treatment, and

30 | WHEREAS, the National Fibromyalgia Association is urging
31 | fibromyalgia patients and their supporters, healthcare
32 | providers, and the general public to be sympathetic to and
33 | supportive of fibromyalgia patients and to share the facts about
34 | fibromyalgia and the ever-growing awareness about its etiology
35 | and potential treatments, and

36 | WHEREAS, the community's focus on fibromyalgia and its
37 | impact on patients' lives will help guarantee hope for a better
38 | future for people with fibromyalgia, and

39 | WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes the needs
40 | of these chronically ill people and commends the efforts of
41 | citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those
42 | individuals and families who deal with this devastating disorder
43 | on a daily basis, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
46 | Florida:

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48 | That May 12, 2008, is recognized as "Fibromyalgia Awareness
49 | Day" in Florida.

50 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
51 | presented to the National Fibromyalgia Association as a tangible
52 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.