

By Senator Rich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing September 2011 as "Plasma Protein Therapies Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, patients who have rare, chronic, and genetic diseases and disorders across the United States rely upon access to plasma-derived and recombinant analog therapies, known collectively as plasma protein therapies, to treat life-threatening conditions, and

WHEREAS, these disorders, including, but not limited to, hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, primary immunodeficiency diseases, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, Kawasaki disease, and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency are most effectively treated with plasma protein therapies, and

WHEREAS, individuals afflicted with these rare disorders require access to the full range of plasma protein therapies to help ensure the best possible clinical outcomes, and

WHEREAS, these individuals benefit from access to appropriate providers and options in pharmaceuticals and the delivery of home-supported services, and access to comprehensive care has been shown to markedly improve patient outcomes, and

WHEREAS, there are 18 plasma collection centers in this state certified under the International Quality Plasma Program where healthy, committed donors provide plasma that is used to manufacture high-impact, life-saving therapies, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That September 2011 is recognized as "Plasma Protein

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