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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2013 as "Autism Awareness Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong developmental disability resulting in impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal, nonverbal, and reciprocal communication, and

WHEREAS, autism, the result of a neurological disorder affecting brain function, affects one in every 88 children and millions nationwide, but few understand this complex disorder, and

WHEREAS, although no cure for autism has been found, persons with the disability can receive help to reach their greatest potential with accurate, early diagnosis and appropriate education and intervention, which are vital components to the future growth and development of those affected by the disorder, and

WHEREAS, support groups, such as the National Autism Registry and the Florida affiliate of the Autism Society of America, have dedicated years of service to their ongoing efforts to promote awareness of the needs of persons with autism and to advocate for their rights, including the right to dignity, respect, and appropriate education and employment, while these groups also remain deeply committed to enabling families, professionals, and the general public to better understand the effects of this lifelong disability, and

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29 WHEREAS, autism is a complex neurological disorder that
30 requires continued research to find treatment options to help
31 those affected by it and to provide families with education,
32 awareness, and acceptance, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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37 That April 2013 is designated as "Autism Awareness Month"
38 in the State of Florida and that all citizens are encouraged to
39 acknowledge the necessity for the continuing search for the
40 cause of the disorder and a concerted effort to understand and
41 support those individuals and their caregivers who are touched
42 by this disability.