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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 2013 as "Multiple
3 System Atrophy Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, multiple system atrophy (MSA) is a progressive
6 neurodegenerative disorder that affects the autonomic nervous
7 system and movement, and

8 WHEREAS, although the cause is unknown, the disorder's
9 symptoms reflect the loss of nerve cells in several areas of the
10 brain and spinal cord that control the autonomic nervous system
11 and coordinate muscle movements, and

12 WHEREAS, MSA symptoms include problems with balance,
13 coordination, gait, bladder and bowel movement, speech,
14 swallowing, and breathing, and

15 WHEREAS, there is no cure for MSA, which affects
16 approximately 50,000 Americans, and

17 WHEREAS, the typical survival time after diagnosis is 7 to
18 9 years, and

19 WHEREAS, increased education and awareness are needed to
20 assist in diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research that
21 ultimately may lead to a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
24 Florida:

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26 That March 2013 is designated as "Multiple System Atrophy
27 Month" in the State of Florida in honor of all the agencies and

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28 | individuals who help and provide hope for people dealing with
29 | this devastating disorder.