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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating September 23, 2013, as
3 "Restless Legs Syndrome – Willis-Ekbom Disease
4 Awareness Day" in the State of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, restless legs syndrome, also known as Willis-Ekbom
7 disease, is a chronic neurological disorder characterized by
8 unpleasant sensations in the legs and a distressing,
9 irresistible urge to move them, and

10 WHEREAS, an estimated 10 million adults in the United
11 States and millions of others worldwide are affected by restless
12 legs syndrome, a disease for which there is no known cure, and

13 WHEREAS, the disease is difficult to diagnose and has a
14 significant impact on sleep, concentration, and productivity,
15 with approximately 60 percent of patients waking three or more
16 times a night and almost 50 percent reporting that symptoms
17 adversely affect concentration the next day, and

18 WHEREAS, increased awareness and expanded knowledge of the
19 realities of life with restless legs syndrome will allow
20 communities to better support people who struggle with the
21 challenges of the condition, and

22 WHEREAS, the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation, now known
23 as the Willis-Ekbom Disease Foundation, is a nonprofit
24 organization that has joined other groups to promote restless
25 legs syndrome awareness and support, including improved
26 education, diagnosis, research, and treatment, and

27 WHEREAS, the Willis-Ekbom Disease Foundation urges
28 patients, supporters, health care providers, and the general

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29 public to share information about this disease and available
30 treatments, giving hope of a better future for people with
31 restless legs syndrome, NOW, THEREFORE,
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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Florida:

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36 That September 23, 2013, is designated as "Restless Legs
37 Syndrome – Willis-Ekbom Disease Awareness Day" in the State of
38 Florida to raise awareness and to urge citizens to support the
39 search for a cure and assist the individuals and families who
40 deal with this disease.