

HR 9085

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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 2014 as "Rare Disease
3 Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, thirty million, nearly one in ten, Americans are
6 living with a rare disease, which is defined as a disease that
7 affects fewer than 200,000 Americans, and

8 WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,800 rare diseases
9 recognized by the National Institutes of Health, one-half of
10 which affect children, and

11 WHEREAS, because of their rarity, it is difficult to
12 identify, understand, and treat rare diseases, creating numerous
13 challenges for patients and families affected by the diseases,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in the decade prior to the passage of the Orphan
16 Drug Act of 1983, only 10 pharmaceutical treatments were
17 developed to treat rare diseases, and

18 WHEREAS, today, more than 450 pharmaceutical treatments for
19 rare diseases are in development, and the United States Food and
20 Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health have
21 offices solely focused on the treatment of the diseases, and

22 WHEREAS, a number of Floridians live with a rare disease,
23 and the citizens of this state stand to support them and their
24 families, NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
27 | Florida:

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29 | That April 2014 is designated as "Rare Disease Month" in
30 | the State of Florida.