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## House Resolution

1 A resolution designating October 13, 2015, as  
2 Huntington's Disease Blue Ribbon Day in the State of  
3 Florida.  
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6 WHEREAS, Huntington's disease is a progressive degenerative  
7 neurological disease affecting 30,000 North Americans while  
8 another 200,000 are genetically at risk of inheriting the gene  
9 responsible for causing the disease, and

10 WHEREAS, the average lifespan after onset of Huntington's  
11 disease is 10 to 20 years, and the younger the age of onset, the  
12 more rapid the progression of the disease, resulting in children  
13 who develop the juvenile form of the disease rarely living to  
14 adulthood, and

15 WHEREAS, since the discovery of the gene that causes  
16 Huntington's disease in 1993, the pace of research has  
17 accelerated, though at present there is no effective treatment  
18 or cure, and

19 WHEREAS, it is critical to the success of research and  
20 support services to raise awareness about Huntington's disease  
21 in the general public and medical community, 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 October 13, 2015, is designated as Huntington's  
27   Disease Blue Ribbon Day in the State of Florida.