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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 2016 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for essential bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, kidney function, temperature control, and dilation and constriction of the pupils of the eyes, and

WHEREAS, while many forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, and other forms, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, are quite common, there is a lack of awareness about these conditions amongst the medical community and the general public, and

WHEREAS, symptoms include, but are not limited to, dangerously high tachycardia, syncope, hypotension, vertigo, nerve pain, debilitating fatigue, excessive thirst, gastroparesis, chest pain, migraines, shortness of breath, temperature regulation problems, brain fog and confusion, visual disturbances, weakness, nausea, inability to concentrate, and hypersensitivity to sensory stimulation, and

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WHEREAS, more than 70 million people worldwide live with various forms of dysautonomia, and this disease can impact people of all ages, races, and backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and can result in physical pain, social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship, and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia can help patients be diagnosed earlier and can help foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia, and

WHEREAS, the professional medical community, patients, and family members of individuals who suffer from dysautonomia are working to educate the public about this severe medical condition, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That October 2016 is recognized as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Florida.

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