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## House Resolution

A resolution designating May 2017 as "Rare Disease Month" in the State of Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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29 |         That May 2017 is designated as "Rare Disease Month" in the  
30 | State of Florida.