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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 16, 2019, as
3 "Disability History and Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, approximately 12.8 percent of Florida's population
6 are persons living with disabilities, and

7 WHEREAS, individuals and organizations work tirelessly
8 throughout the state to bring awareness to persons with
9 disabilities and the history of disability, and

10 WHEREAS, one such individual, Rebecca "Becki" M. Forsell,
11 determinedly worked towards independence and empowerment for
12 people living with disabilities since the onset of her own
13 disability in 1996, and

14 WHEREAS, persons with disabilities regularly volunteer and
15 give back to their communities through outreach programs,
16 mentoring, tutoring, and peer support, and

17 WHEREAS, including persons with disabilities in classrooms
18 to help create educational tools and training aids promotes
19 better treatment of school-age children with disabilities and
20 prevents bullying or harassment amongst peers, and

21 WHEREAS, increasing awareness of persons with disabilities
22 and the history of disability may lead to increased
23 possibilities of individuals with disabilities becoming an
24 active part of their communities through proactive and positive

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25 | programs and reaffirm the state's commitment to provide an equal
26 | opportunity for all, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That April 16, 2019, is designated as "Disability History
32 | and Awareness Day" in Florida in recognition of the continued
33 | commitment to bring awareness to persons with disabilities and
34 | the history of disability to people in this state.

35 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
36 | presented to the family of Rebecca "Becki" M. Forsell as a
37 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.