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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing August 10, 2021, as "Tay-
3 Sachs Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Tay-Sachs disease is a genetic disorder caused by
6 the absence of beta-hexosaminidase A (Hex A), which causes cells
7 to become damaged, resulting in progressive neurological
8 disorders, and

9 WHEREAS, infants with Tay-Sachs disease often fail to
10 achieve milestones such as rolling over and sitting up, and
11 develop muscle weakness, which gradually leads to paralysis, and

12 WHEREAS, infants also lose mental functions and become
13 increasingly unresponsive to their surroundings, in some cases
14 developing blindness, seizures, and difficulty swallowing by 12
15 months of age, and

16 WHEREAS, children with Tay-Sachs disease often die by 4
17 years of age, and

18 WHEREAS, the carrier rate of Tay-Sachs disease for the
19 general population is 1 in 250 people, and a child has a 25
20 percent chance of having the disease when both parents are
21 carriers, and

22 WHEREAS, there is currently no treatment or cure for Tay-
23 Sachs disease, rather only ways to manage symptoms, and

24 WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education of Tay-Sachs
25 disease may lead to significant progress in the research to

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26 | determine the cause of the gene mutation that results in the
27 | disease, and eventually a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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32 | That August 10, 2021, is recognized as "Tay-Sachs Disease
33 | Awareness Day" in Florida.