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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 21, 2021 as "Mixed Connective Tissue Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Mixed Connective Tissue Disease (MCTD) is an uncommon systemic inflammatory rheumatic autoimmune disease that occurs approximately in two out of every 100,000 persons, and

WHEREAS, MCTD can occur at any time from early childhood to elderly adulthood, with the average age of onset being 37 years, and

WHEREAS, those who have MCTD may experience painfully cold fingers and toes, pain in multiple joints or inflammation of joints, skin inflammation in sun-exposed areas, hair loss, hand swelling, fatigue, and muscle weakness, and

WHEREAS, although MCTD has no cure, medications can help control the disease and the condition has been reported to eventually enter a sustained remission in as many as 40 percent of cases, and

WHEREAS, rheumatologists in Florida currently provide services to diagnose, treat, and study MCTD, and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education of MCTD may lead to significant progress in research to develop a cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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25 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
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28 | That February 21, 2021, is recognized as "Mixed Connective
29 | Tissue Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.