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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing June 27, 2021, as  
3 "Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day" and June  
4 2021 as "Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month"  
5 in Florida.

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7 WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as posttraumatic stress  
8 disorder (PTSD) was initially formulated in 1980 by the American  
9 Psychiatric Association to more accurately assess and assist  
10 veterans who had endured severe combat stress in Vietnam, and

11 WHEREAS, combat stress is an invisible wound and the  
12 Pentagon dropped the "D" from PTSD to help lessen the stigma  
13 that comes from the word "disorder" and break down barriers  
14 associated with treatment for veterans, and

15 WHEREAS, it has been shown through electromagnetic imaging  
16 that these invisible wounds can cause physical changes to the  
17 brain, which more accurately describe an injury than a disorder,  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, referring to invisible wounds as a disorder can  
20 discourage the injured from seeking proper and timely medical  
21 treatment, and

22 WHEREAS, posttraumatic stress injury can occur following  
23 exposure to extremely traumatic events other than combat, such  
24 as, but not exclusive to, interpersonal violence, life-  
25 threatening accidents, and natural disasters, and

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26 WHEREAS, Americans who have suffered posttraumatic stress  
27 injuries benefit from our compassion and consideration, and the  
28 brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have  
29 suffered these wounds in operational action against an enemy of  
30 the United States are particularly recognized for their service  
31 and sacrifice, and

32 WHEREAS, timely and appropriate treatment of posttraumatic  
33 stress injury can diminish complications and avert suicides,  
34 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That June 27, 2021, is recognized as "Posttraumatic Stress  
40 Injury Awareness Day," and June 2021 is recognized as  
41 "Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month" in Florida.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Departments of Health,  
43 Military Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs are encouraged to  
44 continue their efforts to educate those who have experienced  
45 interpersonal violence, life-threatening accidents, and natural  
46 disasters and their families, as well as the general public,  
47 about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of posttraumatic  
48 stress injury.