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## House Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 13-19, 2022, as  
"Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, thyroid eye disease (TED) is a serious,  
progressive, and rare autoimmune condition in which the body's  
immune system mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue  
behind the eye, causing inflammation and the formation of scar  
tissue, and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often have debilitating  
symptoms of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain,  
and facial disfigurement and can develop blindness in severe  
cases, and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often experience long-term  
functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, including the  
inability to work or perform daily activities, and

WHEREAS, TED is a vision-threatening condition that can  
worsen over time and, in the general population, is estimated to  
have a prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women and 2.9 per 100,000  
men, and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of  
characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough  
clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests, and

WHEREAS, there is a genetic component to the condition, and  
people who have a family history of TED or a family history of

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26 | autoimmune disease are at a greater risk of developing the  
27 | condition, but the exact underlying process by which TED occurs  
28 | is not fully understood, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 |       That November 13-19, 2022, is recognized as "Thyroid Eye  
34 | Disease Awareness Week" in Florida.