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House Resolution

A resolution designating February 2022 as VATER Syndrome Awareness Month in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, VATER Syndrome refers to a cluster of birth defects occurring simultaneously, affecting primarily the vertebrae, anus, trachea, esophagus, and renal system, and

WHEREAS, a variant of VATER Syndrome, known as VACTERL Association, involves additional cardiac anomalies, resulting in up to 75 percent of patients also experiencing congenital heart disease, as well abnormalities in limb development, which occur in up to 70 percent of patients and increase the risk of kidney and urological defects, and

WHEREAS, because this disorder manifests such a wide range of signs and symptoms, it is often difficult to identify but is estimated to affect one in 10,000 to 40,000 newborns, who are diagnosed when presenting abnormalities in three or more of the aforementioned areas, and

WHEREAS, while genetic and environmental factors are believed to contribute to VATER Syndrome and VACTERL Association, the specific cause is not well understood, and universities in this state are currently researching diagnostic and treatment techniques in the hope of improving the lives of those affected, and

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25 WHEREAS, increased awareness of VATER Syndrome and VACTERL
26 Association will bring much-needed attention to current research
27 efforts in this state and encourage further study of the
28 diagnosis and treatment of this mysterious condition, NOW,
29 THEREFORE,

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

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34 That February 2022 is designated as VATER Syndrome
35 Awareness Month in the State of Florida.