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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2025 as "Limb
Difference and Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2.1 million Americans
living with limb loss and limb difference, and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,900 children are born each year in
the United States with congenital limb difference, and

WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma
are cited as the leading causes of amputation, and

WHEREAS, over 500 Americans lose a limb every day, with
nearly 12,000 amputations performed in Florida each year, and

WHEREAS, integrated data from the United States Department
of Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Defense
shows that traumatic amputations account for less than half of
one percent of the veteran population; however, research reveals
that after leaving military service, over 80 percent of amputees
have diagnoses of mental disorders, diseases of the nervous
system and organs, and diseases of the musculoskeletal system
and connective tissue in addition to their injury, and

WHEREAS, emotional, physical, social, and financial stress
often plague those with limb difference or limb loss, and

WHEREAS, access to appropriate prosthetic care for people
living with limb loss and limb difference is vital to enable

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25 individuals to reach their full potential, live independently,
26 and live well, and

27 WHEREAS, April is an appropriate month to designate as Limb
28 Difference and Limb Loss Awareness Month as spring is a time of
29 renewal and inspiration, NOW, 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 in recognition of Floridians living with limb
35 difference and limb loss, April 2025 is designated as "Limb
36 Difference and Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Florida.