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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 17, 2026, as "Profound  
3 Autism Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a developmental  
6 disability that affects communication, behavior, and social  
7 interaction, and

8 WHEREAS, individuals with profound autism represent a  
9 distinct and vulnerable segment of the autism community and are  
10 often characterized by significant intellectual disabilities,  
11 minimal or no functional language skills, and the need for  
12 substantial, lifelong support, and

13 WHEREAS, many individuals with profound autism require 24-  
14 hour supervision and intensive services to ensure their safety,  
15 health, and quality of life, and

16 WHEREAS, families and caregivers of individuals with  
17 profound autism often face extraordinary emotional, physical,  
18 and financial challenges while navigating complex service  
19 systems, and

20 WHEREAS, access to appropriate medical care, behavioral  
21 support, education, residential options, and employment services  
22 remains limited for individuals with profound autism, and

23 WHEREAS, increased public awareness is necessary to ensure  
24 that individuals with profound autism are fully included in  
25 research initiatives and resource allocation decisions, and

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26           WHEREAS, recognizing a day dedicated to profound autism  
27 promotes understanding, compassion, and meaningful action to  
28 address the unique needs of this population, 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 March 17, 2026, is designated as "Profound Autism  
34 Awareness Day" in Florida.