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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the week of February 21-27,
3 2022, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, eating disorders affect 28.8 million Americans or
6 9 percent of the United States population, of which 1.8 million
7 are Floridians, and

8 WHEREAS, eating disorders, specifically anorexia nervosa,
9 bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant restrictive
10 food intake disorder, and other feeding or eating disorders, are
11 complex, biologically based illnesses, and

12 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the incidence
13 of eating disorder behaviors and diagnoses, and has exacerbated
14 eating disorders in patient populations, often with more severe
15 symptoms and comorbidities, and

16 WHEREAS, eating disorders have no boundaries with respect
17 to gender, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, body shape and
18 weight, ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, eating disorders are highly prevalent among
21 servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces,
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23 WHEREAS, eating disorders are associated with serious
24 physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeat,
25 heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis,

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26 | gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gallbladder disease,
27 | diabetes, and death, and

28 | WHEREAS, at least once every 52 minutes someone in the
29 | United States dies as a direct result of an eating disorder,
30 | culminating in 10,200 deaths each year, and

31 | WHEREAS, anorexia nervosa has the second highest mortality
32 | rate among all psychiatric illnesses in the United States, and

33 | WHEREAS, many organizations are dedicated to outreach,
34 | education, support, and early intervention for eating disorders,
35 | including the National Alliance for Eating Disorders, which is
36 | headquartered in Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
39 | Florida:

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41 | That the week of February 21-27, 2022, is recognized as
42 | "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Florida and that all
43 | Floridians are encouraged to become better informed about eating
44 | disorders.