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House Resolution

A resolution designating June 25, 2021, as "World Vitiligo Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, vitiligo is a long-term, chronic disease that results in the loss of pigment in patches on the skin, hair, eyes, and inside of the mouth, and

WHEREAS, the condition can result in discomfort, itching, and pain, with no known cure, and

WHEREAS, the KidsHealth from Nemours Center for Children's Health Media estimated 1 to 2 million persons in the United States are living with vitiligo, of which more than half are children and adolescents, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, a diagnosis of vitiligo can be life-altering, causing many patients to struggle with low self-esteem, anger, and depression as a result of the social stigma surrounding the condition, and

WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, approximately half of the patients diagnosed with vitiligo are diagnosed before the age of 21 years, and

WHEREAS, a study by the Society for Pediatric Dermatology found that approximately half of all children and adolescents diagnosed with vitiligo have experienced a decrease in their quality of life, and some patients have experienced problems

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25 | with schoolwork, increased bullying and teasing, trouble with
 26 | developing friendships, and issues with self-confidence, and

27 | WHEREAS, there are medical facilities, clinics, and
 28 | dermatologists throughout Florida who study, treat, and lend aid
 29 | to those with vitiligo, and

30 | WHEREAS, across the state patients diagnosed with vitiligo
 31 | are participating in support groups, one of which has amassed
 32 | more than 130 members, ranging in age from 4 to 78 years, and

33 | WHEREAS, although the disease itself is not life-
 34 | threatening, the psychological impact is significant and can be
 35 | devastating, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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40 | That June 25, 2021, is designated as "World Vitiligo Day"
 41 | in Florida.