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 1 | Senate Resolution No. _____
 2 | A resolution recognizing Familial Dysautonomia
 3 | as a serious genetic disease affecting certain
 4 | residents of this state and recognizing June
 5 | 10, 2001, as Familial Dysautonomia Day.
 6 | WHEREAS, Familial Dysautonomia is present from birth
 7 | and slowly deteriorates the autonomic and sensory nerve cells,
 8 | and all children with Familial Dysautonomia have the same
 9 | basic problem, incomplete development of nerve cells, and
10 | WHEREAS, some children also have secondary problems,
11 | but the degree to which a particular child is affected will
12 | vary, even within the same family, and a child may experience
13 | all or only some of the secondary problems, such as feeding
14 | problems, blood pressure fluctuation, inability to regulate
15 | body temperature, inability to feel pain or feel hot or cold,
16 | a lack of overflow tears, vomiting, poor growth, spinal
17 | curvature, lung problems and chronic upper respiratory
18 | infections, and learning disabilities, and
19 | WHEREAS, 60 percent of those affected with Familial
20 | Dysautonomia require tube feedings, and, despite advances in
21 | medical treatment, only 50 percent of those affected with
22 | Familial Dysautonomia will live to be only 30 years old, and
23 | WHEREAS, the Familial Dysautonomia Gene Mutation has
24 | been identified, and, now that testing will be available, this
25 | knowledge of testing and education will help prevent further
26 | suffering of children and parents, NOW, THEREFORE,
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28 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:
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30 | That the Florida Senate recognizes Familial
31 | Dysautonomia as a serious genetic disease affecting certain

1 residents of this state and recognizes June 10, 2001, as

2 Familial Dysautonomia Day.

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