

HR 9087

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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing February 23, 2012, as "Sickle
3 Cell Awareness Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the residents of Florida
6 are vital state and national concerns, and

7 WHEREAS, Sickle Cell Disease, an inherited group of red
8 blood cell disorders, affects an estimated 90,000 to 100,000
9 people in the United States, and

10 WHEREAS, most common in African Americans, Sickle Cell
11 Disease also affects other ethnic populations, including those
12 of Greek, Turkish, Italian, Hispanic, and East Indian descent,
13 and

14 WHEREAS, people with Sickle Cell Disease begin developing
15 symptoms during the first year of life, usually around 5 months
16 of age, and symptoms and complications differ for each person
17 and can range from mild to severe, and

18 WHEREAS, the "sickle cells," or abnormally shaped red blood
19 cells, become trapped in small blood vessels and block the flow
20 of blood and oxygen to organs in the body, causing repeated
21 episodes of severe pain, organ damage, serious infection, or
22 even stroke, and

23 WHEREAS, February 23, 2012, will be the fifth annual Sickle
24 Cell Disease Awareness Day at the Capitol to increase awareness
25 of this disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
28 Florida:

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That February 23, 2012, is recognized as "Sickle Cell
Awareness Day" in the State of Florida.