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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 1, 2017, as "Dupuytren Disease Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Dupuytren disease is one of a group of diseases resulting in fibrosis or scar tissue, which cripples hands, diminishes quality of life, and affects the overall health of millions of people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than ten million people in the United States suffer bent fingers from Dupuytren contracture, with the disease being more common in men than in women, and

WHEREAS, part of the biology of Dupuytren disease overlaps with that of other fibrotic conditions, including cirrhosis of the liver, pulmonary fibrosis, arteriosclerosis, and some cancers, and

WHEREAS, the most common treatments for Dupuytren disease are open surgery and minimally invasive procedures, such as injections, with most contractures returning after treatment, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no cure, and scientists and physicians around the world are conducting research to develop better treatments and to find a cure for this hereditary disease, and

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24 WHEREAS, increasing awareness and education of Dupuytren
25 disease may lead to significant progress in the research of
26 finding the root cause and the cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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31 That April 1, 2017, is recognized as "Dupuytren Disease
32 Awareness Day" in Florida.