

House Resolution

A resolution designating February 28, 2026, as "Rare Disease Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health reports that there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 Americans, meaning that they are considered rare, and

WHEREAS, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect nearly 30 million Americans, 50 percent of whom are children, and

WHEREAS, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected, and

WHEREAS, while the Food and Drug Administration has approved drugs and biologics for more than 1,000 rare disease indications, millions of Americans have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment, and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems, such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services, and

WHEREAS, thousands of Floridians are among those affected by rare diseases, since nearly 1 in 10 Americans have a rare disease, and these Floridians were given a voice in 2021 with

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26 | the establishment in this state of the Rare Disease Advisory
27 | Council, and

28 | WHEREAS, the Orphan Drug Act, championed in Congress by
29 | Florida Representative Gus Bilirakis, has encouraged and
30 | promoted the discovery and development of biopharmaceuticals
31 | designed to treat and potentially cure rare diseases, NOW,
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34 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 | Florida:

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37 | That February 28, 2026, is designated as "Rare Disease Day"
38 | in Florida.