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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating February 28, 2026, as "Rare
3 Disease Day" in Florida.4
5 WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health reports that
6 there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions that affect fewer
7 than 200,000 Americans, meaning that they are considered rare,
8 and9 WHEREAS, while each of these diseases may affect small
10 numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect nearly 30
11 million Americans, 50 percent of whom are children, and12 WHEREAS, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating
13 conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those
14 affected, and15 WHEREAS, while the Food and Drug Administration has
16 approved drugs and biologics for more than 1,000 rare disease
17 indications, millions of Americans have rare diseases for which
18 there is no approved treatment, and19 WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by rare diseases
20 often experience problems, such as diagnosis delay, difficulty
21 finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or
22 ancillary services, and23 WHEREAS, thousands of Floridians are among those affected
24 by rare diseases, since nearly 1 in 10 Americans have a rare
25 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,
32 THEREFORE,

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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.