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1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week.

3 WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease, or TED, is a serious, progressive, and rare

4 autoimmune condition in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy

5 muscle and fat tissue behind the eye, causing inflammation and scar tissue to form; and

6 WHEREAS, people living with TED often have debilitating symptoms of eye

7 bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain, and facial disfigurement; in more severe cases,

8 it can lead to blindness; and

9 WHEREAS, people living with TED often experience long-term functional,

10 psychosocial, and economic burdens, such as the inability to work or perform basic functions

11 of daily life; and

12 WHEREAS, the exact underlying process by which TED occurs is not fully

13 understood, and the disease is a serious, vision threatening condition that is capable of

14 worsening over time; and

15 WHEREAS, TED is a rare disease that affects an estimated sixteen out of every one

16 hundred thousand women and less than three out of every one hundred thousand men; and

17 WHEREAS, a diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of characteristic

18 symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough clinical evaluation, and a variety of

19 specialized tests; there is a genetic component to the condition, and people who have a

20 family member with the disease, or any other autoimmune disease, are at a greater risk of

21 developing TED; and

1           WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week has been established through a  
2   collaboration between advocacy groups including the American Autoimmune Related  
3   Diseases Association, Inc., and Louisiana BIO.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye  
6   Disease Awareness Week.

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