

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 661

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

Whereas vestibular (inner ear balance) disorders are underdiagnosed and undertreated;

Whereas as many as 35 percent of adults 40 years of age and older in the United States, approximately 69,000,000 people have experienced some form of vestibular dysfunction;

Whereas 80 percent of people 65 years of age and older have experienced dizziness;

Whereas dizziness is one of the most common symptoms in patients 25 years and older;

Whereas dizziness accounts for 2.6 percent of all primary care visits and nearly 2.5 percent of emergency department visits;

Whereas vestibular disorder patients may consult four or more physicians and spend 50 months or more in the search for a diagnosis;

Whereas the Vestibular Disorders Association celebrates “Balance Awareness Week” to reduce the time it takes to diagnose a vestibular disorder by helping patients recognize their symptoms and encouraging them to seek help from a qualified vestibular specialist; and

Whereas the week of September 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, would be an appropriate week to designate as “Balance Awareness Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Balance
3 Awareness Week”; and

4 (2) recognizes the importance of raising public
5 awareness about vestibular disorders.

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