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H. RES. 277

Supporting the designation of May 2025 as “National Myositis Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCORMICK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of May 2025 as “National Myositis Awareness Month”.

Whereas residents of the United States of America are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases, with nearly 1 in 10 Americans having rare diseases;

Whereas idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle-wasting diseases that often feature debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing, and can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease;

Whereas more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody-positive myositis, antisynthetase syndrome, dermatomyositis, juve-

nile dermatomyositis, immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy, inclusion body myositis, and polymyositis;

Whereas myositis is difficult to diagnose which leads myositis patients to frequently experience delayed treatment and difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition;

Whereas all who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, particularly since no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis, and women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

Whereas public awareness and education campaigns on myositis detection and treatment are held during the month of May: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National Myo-
3 sitis Awareness Month”;

4 (2) recognizes the importance of raising aware-
5 ness about myositis and its impact on United States
6 veterans and citizens; and

7 (3) encourages all people in the United States
8 to become more informed about myositis and to sup-
9 port the individuals and families who are affected by
10 these conditions.

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