

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 430

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

Whereas Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder characterized by involuntary and sudden movements or repeated vocalizations;

Whereas approximately 200,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome and many thousands more remain undiagnosed;

Whereas lack of public awareness has increased the social stigma attached to Tourette Syndrome;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of Tourette Syndrome can prevent physical and psychological harm;

Whereas there is no known cure for Tourette Syndrome and treatment involves multiple medications and therapies with costs that can be prohibitive;

Whereas the Tourette Syndrome Association is the only national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to identifying the cause, finding the cure, and controlling the effects of Tourette Syndrome; and

Whereas the Tourette Syndrome Association has designated May 15 through June 15 as National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, the goal of which is to educate the public about the nature and effects of Tourette Syndrome: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2       *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3               (1) recognizes the impact that Tourette Syn-  
4       drome can have on people living with the disorder;

5               (2) recognizes the importance of an early diag-  
6       nosis and proper treatment of Tourette Syndrome;

7               (3) recognizes the need for enhanced public  
8       awareness of Tourette Syndrome;

9               (4) supports the goals and ideals of National  
10       Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, as designated  
11       by the Tourette Syndrome Association; and

1           (5) encourages the President to issue a procla-  
2           mation calling on the people of the United States  
3           and interested organizations to observe National  
4           Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

          Passed the House of Representatives November 17,  
2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*