

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1477

Expressing support for the designation of May as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month to increase the knowledge of this little-known, potentially fatal, genetic disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2010

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome represents multiple genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue that are characterized by looseness, instability, and dislocation of the joints and fragile skin that easily bruises and scars;

Whereas there are 6 major types of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome that are characterized by distinctive features, with vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome being the most severe;

Whereas it is estimated that the prevalence of all types of the syndrome affect up to 1 in 5,000 people worldwide;

Whereas a network of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome support groups can help connect those managing life with the disease as well as better inform the health care community and the public;

Whereas early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create lifesaving medical plans and ensure the quality of life;

Whereas there is currently no treatment for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and no known cure;

Whereas further medical research and awareness bring hope for treatment and a cure; and

Whereas the month of May would be an appropriate month to designate as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of Ehlers-Danlos
- 3 Syndrome Awareness Month;
- 4 (2) honors those bravely suffering from Ehlers-
- 5 Danlos Syndrome; and
- 6 (3) encourages scientific research and funding
- 7 to find a cure for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

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