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H. RES. 272

Expressing support for designation of May 2011 as National Huntington's
Disease Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2011

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of May 2011 as National
Huntington's Disease Awareness Month.

Whereas Huntington's Disease is a hereditary, progressive,
and degenerative neurological disease for which there is
no cure;

Whereas Huntington's Disease causes total physical and
mental deterioration, slowly diminishing the ability to
walk, talk, and reason;

Whereas it is estimated that one out of every 10,000 people
in the United States has Huntington's Disease;

Whereas each child of a parent with Huntington's Disease
has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the Huntington's
Disease gene;

Whereas after the onset of Huntington’s Disease, the average lifespan of an individual with Huntington’s Disease is 15 to 20 years, and the younger the age of onset, the more rapid the progression of the disease;

Whereas children who develop the juvenile form of Huntington’s Disease rarely live to adulthood;

Whereas most individuals afflicted by Huntington’s Disease eventually require full-time care;

Whereas researchers across the United States are conducting important research projects involving Huntington’s Disease;

Whereas on May 17, 1991, Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 127, designated May 1991 as National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Month, authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month;

Whereas on May 17, 1991, President George H. W. Bush issued Proclamation 6295, proclaiming the month of May 1991 as National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Month;

Whereas May 2011 would be an appropriate month to designate as National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Month; and

Whereas the goals of National Huntington’s Disease Awareness Month are to raise awareness and educate the general public and the medical community of Huntington’s Disease: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 10th anniversary of Senate

3 Joint Resolution 127 and Presidential Proclamation

1 6295, recognizing National Huntington's Disease
2 Awareness Month;

3 (2) supports the designation of National Hun-
4 tington's Disease Awareness Month; and

5 (3) recognizes that all people of the United
6 States should become more informed about and
7 aware of Huntington's Disease.

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