

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 113

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2004

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That 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

12 (5) encourages the President to issue a procla-
13 mation calling on the people of the United States
14 and interested organizations to observe National
15 Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.