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**Representative Boggs**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Designating Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Day in Ohio,  
November 14, 2019.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1  
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate November 2  
14, 2019, as Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Day in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, Amyloidosis is a group of diseases in which amyloid 4  
fibrils build up in the body's tissues and organs, including the 5  
heart, and ultimately lead to progressive organ dysfunction and 6  
other complications. Two of these diseases that affect the heart 7  
are immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis and transthyretin 8  
amyloid cardiomyopathy, the latter of which has two sub-types, and 9  
these rare, life-threatening maladies are associated with heart 10  
failure, manifesting such symptoms as shortness of breath, 11  
fatigue, swelling of the legs, and angina; and 12

WHEREAS, Because cardiac amyloidosis is rare, awareness of 13  
the condition is low, and no guidelines have been established on 14  
the standard of care. Less than half of cardiologists have 15  
reported being familiar with the tools and tests used to confirm 16  
cardiac amyloidosis, including kidney biopsies, rectal biopsies, 17  
scintigraphy, and genetic testing, and most patients with the 18  
disease either never receive a proper diagnosis or remain 19  
undiagnosed for years after symptoms become severe; and 20

WHEREAS, Once heart failure starts, patients with cardiac 21  
amyloidosis who remain untreated have an average life expectancy 22  
of only a few months, but those who receive a proper diagnosis and 23  
treatment can increase life expectancy to several years. In 24  
addition, such patients may have to overcome such hurdles as lack 25  
of screening and inadequate health insurance coverage for both 26

diagnosis and treatment. These barriers demonstrate the importance 27  
of awareness of these diseases; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 29  
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 30  
this Resolution, designate November 14, 2019, as Cardiac 31  
Amyloidosis Recognition Day in Ohio and encourage all citizens to 32  
become informed and aware of the diseases and their symptoms, to 33  
back efforts to educate healthcare providers about symptoms and 34  
diagnosis, and to support funding for programs that reduce 35  
barriers to screening and provide coverage for diagnosis and 36  
treatment; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 39  
media of Ohio. 40