

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

By Rogers

A RESOLUTION to designate February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,500 live female births; and

WHEREAS, earlier diagnosis will help these girls and women get a complete cardiac screening; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than a hundredfold in young and middle-aged women with Turner Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Turner Syndrome have an increased risk of nonverbal learning disorder, which can cause problems in math, visual-spatial skills, executive-function skills, and job retention; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner Syndrome research and support; and

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with Turner Syndrome can live a happy, healthy life; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month will provide the opportunity to share experience and information and raise public awareness about Turner Syndrome; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby proclaim February 2014 to be "Turner Syndrome Awareness

Month” and encourage all residents to increase their awareness of and education about Turner Syndrome, and services for those with Turner Syndrome, which each year affects hundreds of female babies in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.