

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 731

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

Whereas vestibular (inner-ear-balance) disorders are underdiagnosed and undertreated;

Whereas as many as 35 percent of adults 40 years of age and older in the United States—approximately 69 million Americans—have experienced some form of vestibular dysfunction;

Whereas 80 percent of people 65 years of age and older have experienced dizziness;

Whereas vestibular disorder patients may consult 4 or more physicians and spend 50 months or more in their search for a diagnosis;

Whereas the Vestibular Disorders Association celebrates “Balance Awareness Week” to reduce the time it takes to diagnose a vestibular disorder by helping patients recognize their symptoms and encouraging them to seek help from a qualified vestibular specialist; and

Whereas the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, would be an appropriate week to designate as “Balance Awareness Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “Balance  
3       Awareness Week”; and

4               (2) recognizes the importance of raising public  
5       awareness about vestibular disorders.

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