

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4640, by Representatives Cody, Bronoske, Simmons, Harris, and Macri

1       WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) is a serious, progressive, and  
2 rare autoimmune condition in which the body's immune system  
3 mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue behind the eye,  
4 causing inflammation and scar tissue to form; and

5       WHEREAS, People living with TED often have debilitating symptoms  
6 of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, and pain and facial  
7 disfigurement, which, in severe cases, can lead to blindness; and

8       WHEREAS, People living with TED often experience long-term  
9 impacts on functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, including  
10 the inability to work or perform activities of daily living; and

11       WHEREAS, The exact underlying process by which TED occurs is not  
12 fully understood and TED is a serious, vision threatening condition  
13 that can get worse over time; and

14       WHEREAS, TED is a rare disease and is estimated to have a  
15 prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women in the general population, and 2.9  
16 per 100,000 men in the general population; and

17       WHEREAS, A diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of  
18 characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough  
19 clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests; and

20       WHEREAS, There is a genetic component to the condition and people  
21 who have a family member with the disease or a family member with an  
22 autoimmune disease are at a greater risk of developing the condition;  
23 and

1       WHEREAS, TED Awareness Week has been established through a  
2 collaboration among advocacy organizations, including the Autoimmune  
3 Association and Prevent Blindness; and

4       WHEREAS, The patient groups are engaged in disease awareness and  
5 patient support and the third week of November 2022, is recognized as  
6 Thyroid Eye Disease Week;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
8 recognize the third week of November 2022, as TED Awareness Week.

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