1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2013   HR 1005
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5 By: Representative Steel
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7   **HOUSE RESOLUTION**
8   TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "MULTIPLE SYSTEM
9   ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH" TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS
10   OF THIS PROGRESSIVE NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDER THAT
11   AFFECTS THE AUTONOMIC FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY.
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14   **Subtitle**
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18   PROGRESSIVE NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDER
19   THAT AFFECTS THE AUTONOMIC FUNCTIONS OF
20   THE BODY.
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23   WHEREAS, multiple system atrophy is a neurodegenerative disorder that
24 affects many of the autonomic body systems such as loss of balance and
25 coordination, fainting and dizziness due to severely low blood pressure,
26 bladder and bowel issues, speech and swallowing difficulties, sleep
27 disturbances, breathing problems, and rigidity and tremors similar to
28 Parkinson's disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); and
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30   WHEREAS, multiple system atrophy generally affects middle-aged men and
31 women and advances rapidly with the progressive loss of motor skills and
32 eventually confinement to bed, and death; and
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34   WHEREAS, people rarely live 15 years with multiple system atrophy; and
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36   WHEREAS, there is no remission from multiple system atrophy and

1   currently no cure; and

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3   WHEREAS, the current lack of awareness of multiple system atrophy leads

4   to misdiagnosis and mistreatment, as well as misdirected research funding

5   that could be better applied to finding a cure for multiple system atrophy,

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7   NOW, THEREFORE,

8   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL

9   ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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11   THAT the House of Representatives designates the month of March as

12   "Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of

13   this progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects the autonomic

14   functions of the body.

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