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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome - Recognition and Continuing Research

3 FOR the purpose of urging the medical community in the State of Maryland to recognize
4 Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome as a multisymptom disabling disease and
5 to continue and expand research on this syndrome.

6 WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome is a disabling disease with
7 simultaneous involvement of nerve, skin, muscle, blood vessels, and bones that affects
8 millions of people in this country, and white females disproportionately; and

9 WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome is a complex condition with
10 varying degrees of severity and disability that generally manifests in 3 progressive stages
11 and spreads in 70% of all patients affected. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome is
12 reported to follow 5% of all injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome is a clinical diagnosis. The
14 problems and effects of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome include, but are not
15 limited to, extreme pain, disability, multiple operations, unsuccessful surgery, loss of
16 quality of life, physician misdiagnosis, and improper treatment; and

17 WHEREAS, Treatment of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome may include
18 drug therapy, nerve blocks, physical therapy, nerve stimulators, surgery, and implantable
19 devices. Patient response to treatment is directly associated with early diagnosis; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
22 medical community in the State of Maryland is urged to recognize Reflex Sympathetic
23 Dystrophy Syndrome as a multisymptom disabling disease that affects many thousands of
24 people in the State; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the medical community in the State of Maryland is urged to
26 continue and expand research on the causes and effects of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
27 Syndrome in order to increase the chances of early diagnosis and prevention, and to
28 augment current forms of treatment for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and be
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
31 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the

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1 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
2 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; andbe it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Medicaland
4 Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland and to the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
5 Syndrome Association at 332 Haddon Avenue - Suite C, Westmont, New Jersey 08108.