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By: Delegate Owings

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION _____

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

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1 RESOLVED, That the medical community in the State of Maryland is urged to
2 continue and expand research on the causes and effects of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
3 Syndrome in order to increase the chances of early diagnosis and prevention, and to
4 augment current forms of treatment for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
7 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the
8 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
9 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Workers'
11 Compensation Commission at 6 North Liberty Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and be
12 it further

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