
Introduced by Senator Runner

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Senate Resolution No. 29—Relative to Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis is the second most common chronic,
2 progressive, and life-threatening genetic disease in the United
3 States, and one for which there is no known cure; and
4 WHEREAS, Approximately 30,000 children and adults in the
5 United States have cystic fibrosis and more than 1,000 new cases
6 are diagnosed each year; and
7 WHEREAS, During the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis
8 lived long enough to attend elementary school; and
9 WHEREAS, Due to progress in understanding and treating the
10 disease, many people living with cystic fibrosis can now expect
11 to live into their 40s and beyond; and
12 WHEREAS, One of every 3,500 babies born in the United States
13 is born with cystic fibrosis; and
14 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention estimates that more than 12 million Americans are
16 unknowing, symptomless carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene and
17 have high odds of passing the gene to their children; and
18 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and
19 Prevention recommends that all states consider screening newborns
20 for cystic fibrosis; and
21 WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation urges all states to
22 implement newborn screening for cystic fibrosis to facilitate early
23 diagnosis and treatment that improves health and longevity; and

1 WHEREAS, Prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of
2 cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have
5 produced promising leads in gene, protein, and drug therapies
6 beneficial to people who have the disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Innovative research is progressing faster, and is
8 being conducted more aggressively, than ever before, due, in part,
9 to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's establishment of a model
10 clinical trials network; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation continues
12 to fund a research pipeline for more than two dozen potential
13 therapies and funds a nationwide network of care centers that
14 extend the length and quality of life for people with cystic fibrosis,
15 lives continue to be lost to this disease every day; and

16 WHEREAS, Education of the public about cystic fibrosis,
17 including the symptoms of the disease, increases knowledge and
18 understanding of cystic fibrosis and promotes early diagnosis; and

19 WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will conduct
20 activities to honor National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month
21 during May 2015; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
23 proclaims the month of May 2015 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
24 Month; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the goals and ideals of Cystic
26 Fibrosis Awareness Month so as to promote further public
27 awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Senate encourages early diagnosis and access
29 to quality care for people with cystic fibrosis to improve the quality
30 of their lives, advocates for increased support for people who have
31 cystic fibrosis and their families, and supports research to find a
32 cure for cystic fibrosis; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.