

Introduced by Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution No. 40—Relative to Coats Eye Disease Awareness Day.

1 WHEREAS, There are multiple debilitating eye diseases that
2 affect millions of Californians and others throughout the country;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Coats Eye Disease is a rare eye disease that mostly
5 afflicts young children and teenagers; and
6 WHEREAS, Coats Eye Disease can cause blood vessels in one
7 or both eyes to develop abnormally, causing leakage of blood into
8 the eye resulting in trauma, damage, partial or total blindness, or
9 even removal of the eye without early detection, treatment, or
10 surgery; and
11 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease is still not widely known and
12 can be misdiagnosed by some in the medical community, even
13 among retinal specialists; and
14 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease is classified as an orphan disease
15 yet impacts thousands in the state and nation; and
16 WHEREAS, California leads the nation in many ways in
17 scientific, academic, and commercial endeavors to find cures and
18 treatments for many rare diseases or afflictions; and
19 WHEREAS, California can be a leader in promoting awareness,
20 research, study, and, ultimately, cures for many of these rare
21 diseases, including Coats eye disease; and
22 WHEREAS, Coats Eye Disease Awareness Day is an important
23 nationwide tool for raising awareness among governmental
24 officials, medical professionals, academic institutions, commercial
25 ventures, and the public about this rare disease, and efforts to

1 increase early detection towards eventually finding a cure; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That August*
4 *17, 2015, is proclaimed as Coats Eye Disease Awareness Day, in*
5 *support of efforts to broaden awareness of this rare disease,*
6 *promote and enable early detection and advance treatments, achieve*
7 *prevention, further scientific research, and find a cure for this*
8 *disease; and be it further*

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