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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

Designating the month of March as Cardiac 1
Amyloidosis Recognition Month. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health, 3
amyloidosis is a group of diseases in which amyloids, or 4
abnormal proteins, build up in the body's tissues and organs, 5
including the heart, and lead to progressive organ dysfunction 6
and other complications; and 7

WHEREAS, In the case of cardiac amyloidosis, according to 8
the American Heart Association, as the deposits of amyloids 9
increase, the heart gets increasingly stiff and eventually the 10
pumping function deteriorates, leaving a patient with a 11
thickening of cardiac walls and an excess buildup of fluid in 12
the body; and 13

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association describes other 14
symptoms of cardiac amyloidosis to include shortness of breath, 15
swelling of the legs and abdomen, and angina as well as tingling 16
and numbness in the hands and feet, carpal tunnel syndrome, and 17
unexplained bruising; and 18

WHEREAS, According to the American College of Cardiology, 19

in the case of cardiac amyloidosis, one of two proteins, 20
transthyretin or light chains, cause the vast majority of cases; 21
and 22

WHEREAS, With respect to cardiac amyloidosis caused by 23
transthyretin deposits, some cases are hereditary and involve a 24
genetic mutation which results in accelerated amyloid 25
deposition, with the most common mutation present in 26
approximately three per cent of individuals of African descent; 27
and 28

WHEREAS, the American College of Cardiology also notes that 29
in other cases of cardiac amyloidosis, the transthyretin protein 30
is deposited gradually over a period of decades and, according 31
to the National Institutes of Health, is associated with aging 32
and is more common in men than in women; and 33

WHEREAS, Given that different forms of cardiac amyloidosis 34
are derived from different proteins, it is recommended that 35
clinicians determine the specific type of amyloid protein 36
causing the disease as each type progresses at a different rate 37
and treatment differs greatly for each form; and 38

WHEREAS, Because cardiac amyloidosis is considered a rare 39
disease and its early symptoms may be nonspecific, and as many 40
clinicians have reported that they are not familiar with the 41
tools and tests used to confirm the disease, most patients with 42
cardiac amyloidosis remain undiagnosed for many years or never 43
receive a proper diagnosis, thus delaying treatment and 44
shortening life expectancy; now therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 46
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, recognize March as 47
Cardiac Amyloidosis Recognition Month and, in adopting this 48
resolution, seek to increase awareness of the disease and its 49
symptoms; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 51
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 52
encourage measures to better educate clinicians about screening 53
individuals for cardiac amyloidosis, especially members of 54
communities at greatest risk of developing the disease, and 55
applaud the efforts of organizations like the Amyloidosis 56
Foundation and the many support groups around the country in 57
offering assistance to patients diagnosed with the disease and 58
their families and caregivers; and be it further 59

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 60
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 61
respectfully encourage the citizens of this state to support 62
funding and other efforts to reduce barriers to the quality 63
medical care necessary to screen for and treat cardiac 64
amyloidosis, including barriers related to coverage for 65
underserved populations; and be it further 66

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 67
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news 68
media of Ohio. 69