

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 695

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate May 2020 as "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) is often characterized by painful, heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of indoor and outdoor air pollution or through exposure to contaminants, such as petrochemicals, fragrances and scented products (including aromatherapy essential oils), pesticides, cleaning products, laundry products, vehicle exhaust, smoke, and other everyday toxins that make their way into one's body and accumulate over time, causing different types of neurological and systemic symptoms; and

WHEREAS, MCS is a chronic, debilitating condition for which there is still no known cure and can cause serious setbacks and negative consequences for the MCS sufferer across a broad spectrum, including financial, employment, learning, housing, health, social, and access to public places, including healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms people suffering from MCS report are wide-ranging. They include headache, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, congestion, itching, sneezing, sore throat, chest pain, changes in heart rhythm, breathing problems, muscle pain or stiffness, joint pain, swelling of extremities, hair loss, seizures, tremors, anaphylaxis, skin rashes, gastric discomfort, confusion, trouble concentrating, memory problems, insomnia, and mood changes; and

WHEREAS, today's number one treatment for MCS is the avoidance of toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, there are diagnostic codes readily available in medical practice for the toxic effects of many chemicals found in the everyday environment, and the Quick Environmental

Exposure and Sensitivity Inventory (QEESI) test, downloadable free of charge for patients and doctors, can help to diagnose this debilitating condition better; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the good people of Tennessee as they commemorate the month of May 2020 as "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.