

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1056

Expressing support for designation of April as National Limb Loss Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of April as National Limb Loss Awareness Month.

Whereas in the United States, there are approximately 2,000,000 people living with limb loss;

Whereas it is estimated that 1 out of every 200 people in the United States has had an amputation;

Whereas there are 1,000 babies born each year with congenital limb loss;

Whereas there are more than 185,000 new amputations performed each year in the United States;

Whereas unless drastic preventative measures are undertaken to reduce the incidents of diabetic and vascular related diseases this number will increase;

Whereas it is vital to have access to preventative care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease (PVD), to have weight management as part of all care plans, and to have safety information to prevent traumatic limb loss readily available;

Whereas the Amputee Coalition of America provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a National Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss, their families, and health care providers; and

Whereas April would be an appropriate month to designate as National Limb Loss Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of National Limb
3 Loss Awareness Month;

4 (2) encourages State legislatures and assemblies
5 to issue proclamations designating National Limb
6 Loss Awareness Month;

7 (3) commends the efforts of the Amputee Coali-
8 tion of America and other entities and the people of
9 the United States who support the goals and ideals
10 of National Limb Loss Awareness Month;

11 (4) recognizes and reaffirms the Nation's com-
12 mitment to advancing health policies aimed at pre-
13 venting limb loss, promoting awareness about the
14 causes of limb loss including limb deficiencies, and
15 expanding access to devices, care, and rehabilitation

1 aimed at allowing people with limb loss to lead inde-
2 pendent, productive lives; and

3 (5) recognizes all people in the United States
4 living with limb loss, expresses gratitude to their
5 family members and friends who are a source of love
6 and encouragement to them, and salutes the health
7 care professionals and medical researchers who pro-
8 vide assistance to those so afflicted and continue to
9 work to prevent limb loss and improve follow-up care
10 and rehabilitation outcomes.

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