

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 256

Expressing support for designation of the week of May 8, 2011, through  
May 14, 2011, as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2011

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, and  
Mr. BARTLETT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of May 8,  
2011, through May 14, 2011, as Williams Syndrome  
Awareness Week.

Whereas Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that  
is present at birth, affects more than 25,000 individuals  
in the United States, and is characterized by lifelong  
medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, devel-  
opmental delays, and learning disabilities;

Whereas the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded  
in 1982, is a nonprofit organization and the most com-  
prehensive resource for people and families living with  
Williams syndrome as well as for doctors, researchers,  
and educators;

Whereas through its efforts, from raising public awareness, to funding critical new research, and providing valuable information and support to families, the WSA has improved the quality of life and futures of those affected by Williams syndrome;

Whereas to generate awareness about Williams syndrome and raise funding for critical WSA programs and initiatives, the WSA has organized Williams Syndrome Awareness Week which includes the Walk for Williams and will encompass 45 walks across 30 States;

Whereas the WSA and the families and friends of those with Williams syndrome should be commended for their hard work, compassion, and courage for educating the country about this rare disorder; and

Whereas the week of May 8, 2011, through May 14, 2011, would be an appropriate week to designate as Williams Syndrome Awareness Week: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of Williams Syndrome Awareness Week.

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