

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4654, by Representatives Mosbrucker, Dye, Kraft, Chambers, Orwall, Shea, and Shewmake

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem that is the
2 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans and is
3 most common among people with multiple chronic conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can limit
5 everyday activities such as walking and dressing, and can even lead
6 to death; and

7 WHEREAS, A child can develop Juvenile Arthritis at any age
8 sixteen and under, even as early as one year old or younger; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated three hundred thousand children under
10 eighteen years of age have a form of Juvenile Arthritis or a
11 rheumatic condition, representing approximately one in every two
12 hundred fifty children in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, There are an estimated six thousand one hundred children
14 who live with Juvenile Arthritis in Washington state; and

15 WHEREAS, Childhood arthritis can make it hard to take part in
16 social and after-school activities. It can also make school work more
17 difficult; and

18 WHEREAS, Children with Juvenile Arthritis are at a higher risk of
19 depression as well as increased difficulties with learning, peer
20 relationships, and leisure activities; being bullied is common, as
21 are feelings of low self-esteem and self-worth; and

1 WHEREAS, Parents of a child with Juvenile Arthritis are more
2 likely to report work time loss, and an increased loss of income
3 potential than parents having no children with the disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Family care giver advocates and organizations, such as
5 the Arthritis Foundation and the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology
6 Research Alliance are striving to bring about positive changes for
7 children with any form of Juvenile Arthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, Through research, training, public services, support
9 groups, advocacy, and increased awareness, we will be more
10 understanding, inclusive, and better equipped to support the growing
11 number of children with Juvenile Arthritis and their families;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
13 honor and support individuals with Juvenile Arthritis, and
14 acknowledge the tremendous courage that they and their families put
15 forth every day.

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