

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 527

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 18, 2017,
through September 24, 2017, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September
18, 2017, through September 24, 2017, as “Balance
Awareness Week”.

Whereas vestibular (inner-ear-balance) disorders are under-
diagnosed and undertreated;

Whereas, as many as 35 percent of adults 40 years of age
and older in the United States, approximately 69,000,000
people in the United States, have experienced some form
of vestibular dysfunction;

Whereas 80 percent of people 65 years of age and older have
experienced dizziness;

Whereas vestibular disorder patients may consult 4 or more
physicians and spend 50 months or more in their search
for a diagnosis;

Whereas the Vestibular Disorders Association celebrates “Balance Awareness Week” to reduce the time it takes to diagnose a vestibular disorder by helping patients recognize their symptoms and encouraging them to seek help from a qualified vestibular specialist; and

Whereas the week of September 18, 2017, through September 24, 2017, would be an appropriate week to designate as “Balance Awareness Week”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of “Balance
- 3 Awareness Week”; and
- 4 (2) recognizes the importance of raising public
- 5 awareness about vestibular disorders.

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