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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to support the adoption
2 of H.Res. 456, relating to dyslexia.

3 WHEREAS, H.Res. 456 calls on schools and state and local
4 educational agencies to recognize that dyslexia has significant
5 educational implications that must be addressed; and

6 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is defined as an unexpected difficulty in
7 reading in an individual who has the intelligence to be a much
8 better reader, and it reflects a difficulty with the individual
9 sounds of spoken language which typically impact speaking,
10 reading, spelling and, often, learning a second language; and

11 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is highly prevalent, affecting one out of
12 five individuals in some form, and it is persistent; and

13 WHEREAS, Diagnosis is critical so that focused, evidence-
14 based interventions and necessary accommodations can occur,
15 accompanied by self-awareness and self-empowerment, to progress
16 with school and life success; and

17 WHEREAS, H.Res. 456 recognizes each major element of

1 dyslexia, including its high prevalence, cognitive and
2 neurobiological bases, unexpected nature, persistence and,
3 critically, its profound impact on education and the critical
4 need for action by schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Support of this resolution to increase dyslexia
6 awareness among schools and other educational agencies is
7 important to ushering in a new period of awareness and
8 understanding of this learning disability; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge members of
10 the Congress of the United States to support the adoption of
11 H.Res. 456, relating to dyslexia; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.