
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 554 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming November 2013 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
2 Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome, known as
4 RSDS, is a disabling disease that causes symptoms such as
5 softness of the bones, loss of mobility of the limbs, stiffness
6 in the joints and muscle spasms; and

7 WHEREAS, RSDS can be brought on by a simple injury such as a
8 sprain or by surgery, infections or cumulative traumas, and
9 generally starts in a limb; and

10 WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with RSDS suffer excruciating
11 pain without relief; and

12 WHEREAS, While research continues, there is currently no
13 known cure for RSDS; and

14 WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed Act 62 of 2003, the
15 Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education Act,

1 establishing the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Education
2 Program; and

3 WHEREAS, Educating people who suffer from RSDS and the public
4 is difficult because of the small amount of knowledge known
5 about the disease; and

6 WHEREAS, The RSDS Association was established on May 18,
7 1984, to meet the need for awareness of RSDS among health care
8 professionals, patients and their families and to encourage RSDS
9 research; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of November 2013 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome
12 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to alert the people of this
13 Commonwealth to the plight of the people who suffer from this
14 devastating disease and the ongoing battle to cure or prevent
15 it.