

117TH CONGRESS  
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Designating May 15, 2021, as “National MPS Awareness Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

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Day”.

Whereas mucopolysaccharidosis (referred to in this preamble as “MPS”) are a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates;

Whereas MPS diseases cause complex carbohydrates to be stored in almost every cell in the body, which progressively leads to cellular damage;

Whereas the cellular damage caused by MPS—

(1) adversely affects the human body by damaging the heart, lungs, bones, central nervous system, and other internal organs; and

(2) often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most painfully, a drastically shortened life span;

Whereas symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth;

Whereas, without treatment, the life expectancy of an individual afflicted with MPS begins to decrease at a very early stage in the life of that individual;

Whereas research has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some MPS diseases;

Whereas, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, promising advancements in the pursuit of treatments for additional MPS diseases are underway;

Whereas, despite the creation of new remedies, the blood-brain barrier continues to be a significant impediment to effectively treating the brain, which prevents the treatment of many of the symptoms of MPS;

Whereas the quality of life of individuals afflicted with MPS and the treatments available to those individuals will be enhanced through the development of early detection and early intervention techniques;

Whereas treatments for and research advancements relating to MPS are limited by a lack of awareness about MPS diseases;

Whereas the lack of awareness about MPS diseases extends to individuals within the medical community;

Whereas the cellular damage caused by MPS makes MPS a model for the study of many other degenerative genetic diseases; and

Whereas the development of effective therapies and a potential cure for MPS diseases can be accomplished by increased awareness, research, data collection, and information distribution: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates May 15, 2021, as “National  
3       MPS Awareness Day”; and

4               (2) supports the goals and ideals of National  
5       MPS Awareness Day.