

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 809

Supporting the designation of the third week of November, November 14 to November 20, 2021, as “TED Awareness Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of the third week of November, November 14 to November 20, 2021, as “TED Awareness Week”.

Whereas the National Institutes of Health defines a rare disease as a condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States;

Whereas currently there are approximately 7,000 rare diseases impacting almost 30,000,000 Americans;

Whereas thyroid eye disease (TED) is a serious, progressive, and rare autoimmune condition in which the body’s immune system mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue behind the eye, causing inflammation and scar tissue to form;

Whereas people living with TED often have debilitating symptoms of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain, and facial disfigurement, and in severe cases, TED can lead to blindness;

Whereas people living with TED are often impacted by long-term functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, including the inability to work or perform activities of daily living;

Whereas the exact underlying process by which TED occurs is not fully understood, and TED is a serious, vision-threatening condition that can get worse over time;

Whereas TED is a rare disease and is estimated to have a prevalence of 16 per 100,000 women in the United States, and 2.9 per 100,000 men in the United States;

Whereas a diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests; and

Whereas there is a genetic component to the condition, and people who have a family member with the disease or a family member with an autoimmune disease are at a greater risk of developing the condition: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-  
 2 nizes those leading advocacy organizations, including the  
 3 Autoimmune Association and Prevent Blindness, that are  
 4 engaged in disease awareness and patient support about

- 1 TED, and supports the designation of a “TED Awareness
- 2 Week”.

