

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 661

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, as “Balance Awareness Week”.

Whereas vestibular (inner ear balance) disorders are underdiagnosed 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 have experienced some form of vestibular dysfunction;

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

Whereas dizziness is one of the most common symptoms in patients 25 years and older;

Whereas dizziness accounts for 2.6 percent of all primary care visits and nearly 2.5 percent of emergency department visits;

Whereas vestibular disorder patients may consult four or more physicians and spend 50 months or more in the 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 19, 2021, through September 25, 2021, 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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