



H.RES. 994 – Expressing support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 994 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Paul Broun (R-GA) on February 25, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform approved the resolution, as amended, on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 994 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 994 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day.

BACKGROUND

Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia is a rare blood disorder that impairs the ability of platelets in the blood to join together, which can lead to significantly prolonged bleeding. The disorder affects men and women of all ages, and it currently has no cure. The Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Research Foundation was established in Augusta, Georgia, to educate people about the disorder and to raise money for research.

The disorder is sometimes misdiagnosed or undiagnosed because of the rarity of the disorder. Symptoms of Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia include heavy bruising, uncontrollable bleeding, nosebleeds, and bleeding from the gums.

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