**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012, HEMOPHILIA AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO EDUCATE CITIZENS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF HEMOPHILIA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly note that Hemophilia of South Carolina will host a hemophilia advocacy and awareness event from February 28 to February 29, 2012; and

Whereas, the two‑day event will include a training workshop and a campaign for younger members of the community; and

Whereas, found primarily in males, hemophilia is a genetically inherited bleeding disorder resulting from a missing or low‑level protein which makes patients unable to form clots properly when cut or injured; and

Whereas, approximately one out of every ten thousand males and many females are affected by hemophilia, and sixty‑five percent of hemophilia sufferers are classified as severe and are prone to extensive bleeding from trauma, surgery, and dental work; and

Whereas, further symptoms include internal bleeding especially in the joints and muscles as often as two or three times a week; and

Whereas, the purposes of Hemophilia of South Carolina are to promote public awareness of bleeding disorders, provide education and support to persons with bleeding disorders and to their friends and families, and support the research of the National Hemophilia Foundation; and

Whereas, Hemophilia of South Carolina offers patient‑advocacy and support services, scholarships, patient and family education, and statewide and national networking services; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the work of Hemophilia of South Carolina and are pleased to pause in their deliberations to recognize February 29, 2012, as Hemophilia Awareness Day. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, declare Wednesday, February 29, 2012, Hemophilia Awareness Day in South Carolina in order to educate citizens about the effects of hemophilia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Hemophilia of South Carolina.

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