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Representative LaTourette

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Myositis Awareness Month, May 2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize May 2016 as Myositis Awareness Month in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Myositis is a rare, chronic, and degenerative illness that includes polymyositis, dermatomyositis, and inclusion-body myositis, and this autoimmune disease affects countless Americans. A serious condition, it can cause a variety of skin and organ complications, including muscle inflammation and weakness and degeneration of skeletal muscle tissue, over the course of several weeks, months, or years; and

WHEREAS, There are currently more than 50,000 diagnosed cases of myositis in the United States, though the precise numbers remain unknown. As there is no known cure for this ailment, public education leading to early diagnosis and treatment is highly desirable, and widespread support of efforts to find the cure for it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1993, the Myositis Association is the only organization dedicated solely to serving all patients with inflammatory myopathies. All those associated with this fine endeavor are committed to supporting and educating patients and doctors and to promoting research into the causes of and treatments for myositis, and they are deserving of high praise for their selfless donations of time, energy, and ability; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate May 2016 as Myositis Awareness Month in

the State of Ohio and encourage all citizens to learn about this 28
condition; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the 31
Myositis Association and the news media of Ohio. 32