

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Myositis Association of America and to proclaim September 21, 2003, Myositis Day in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Myositis is a rare, chronic, autoimmune disease that triggers the inflammation and degeneration of skeletal muscle tissues; the inflammatory cells surround, invade, and destroy normal muscle fibers as though they were defective or foreign to the body; and

WHEREAS, Myositis can be a debilitating and sometimes fatal disease; the inflammatory myopathies, or myositis, include dermatomyositis, polymyositis, juvenile myositis, and inclusion body myositis; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association of America is a nonprofit corporation organized to improve the lives of those affected by inflammatory myopathies; the association is a support network for patients and doctors and is a source of funding for research into the cure and prevention of the various forms of myositis; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are about 30,000 to 50,000 cases of myositis in the United States, and though there is no known cure for myositis, early diagnosis and treatment are important with all forms of this disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend the Myositis Association of America for its fine work on behalf of those suffering from myositis and encourage all Texans to observe September 21, 2003, as Myositis Day in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Myositis Association of America as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Jackson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate