

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, September is Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month,
2 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to promote better
3 understanding of this health issue and to foster increased support
4 for targeted research; and

5 WHEREAS, "Pulmonary fibrosis" is a term used to describe more
6 than 200 different diseases that involve scar tissue in the lungs;
7 as the scarring destroys the normal lung tissue, it becomes more
8 difficult for oxygen to enter the bloodstream, and this leads to
9 symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, loss of appetite,
10 and fatigue and weakness; and

11 WHEREAS, Multiple causes of the scarring have been
12 identified, including some medications, radiation, environmental
13 triggers, autoimmune diseases, and exposure to harmful inorganic
14 dusts; in cases where a cause cannot be determined, patients are
15 diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; researchers estimate
16 that, in the United States, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis affects 1
17 out of every 200 adults over the age of 60, and as many as 40,000
18 Americans die from the disease each year; and

19 WHEREAS, While there is not yet a cure for pulmonary
20 fibrosis, a number of treatments are available to help alleviate
21 symptoms and slow the progression of the disease; depending on each
22 patient's unique experience with the condition, doctors may
23 recommend medications, oxygen therapy, exercise, and in rare
24 circumstances, lung transplantation; and

1 WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is a serious and
2 life-threatening disease, and the observance of Pulmonary Fibrosis
3 Awareness Month unites people around the world in their commitment
4 to support the search for a cure and improve the quality of life for
5 patients; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize September 2022 as Pulmonary Fibrosis
8 Awareness Month and urge all Texans to learn more about the disease.

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H.R. No. 1500

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1500 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House