

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 351

Reps. Steckloff, Breen, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Kuppa, Liberati, Manoogian, Morse, Rabhi, Rogers, Sneller, Steenland and Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 26, 2022, as Mesothelioma
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Mesothelioma cancer is an aggressive, asbestos
4 related disease that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen,
5 heart, or testicles; and

6 Whereas, The heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry,
7 and construction has been recognized as the worst occupational
8 health disaster in U.S. history; and

9 Whereas, Asbestos was used in the construction of most office
10 buildings, hospitals, public schools, power plants, automobile

1 repair shops, refineries, and residential homes built before 1975;
2 and

3 Whereas, Many mesothelioma cancer victims were exposed to
4 asbestos on U.S. Navy ships and in shipyards; and

5 Whereas, Asbestos exposure is now believed to include many
6 firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers including those
7 from the September 11, 2001, Ground Zero terrorist attack; and

8 Whereas, Exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can
9 result in mesothelioma fifteen years later, or even longer; and

10 Whereas, Because of occupational, Navy service related,
11 household, or incidental exposure to asbestos and the long latency
12 of this cancer disease, tens of millions of Americans are now at
13 risk for developing mesothelioma; and

14 Whereas, For decades the need for research to develop
15 effective treatments or cure for mesothelioma has been neglected or
16 omitted; and

17 Whereas, The outcome of neglecting research for a cure to
18 mesothelioma limits today the benefit or effect of existing
19 treatments and many patients with this disease die within twelve to
20 fifteen months from diagnosis;

21 Whereas, In 2001, the Mesothelioma Research Foundation of
22 America was formed to eradicate the life ending and vicious effects
23 of mesothelioma cancer with early progress in developing an
24 effective treatment and potential cure which is found in Veglin (a
25 non-chemotherapy drug solution) with research and clinical trials
26 continuing to be made; and

27 Whereas, The establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day will
28 help raise public awareness of the disease, how its latency can
29 adversely affect the good health of many people, and for the

1 immediate need to do research and discover an effective treatment
2 or cure for this deadly cancer; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare September 26, 2022, as Mesothelioma
5 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

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