

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 683

Designating May 10th, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Osteoporosis Awareness Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 21, 2011

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2011

WHEREAS, osteoporosis, a disease characterized by low bone mass, structural deterioration of bone, and increased susceptibility to fractures, is a public health threat for an estimated 44 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that one-half of all women over the age of 50 and one quarter of all men over the age of 50 will break a bone because of osteoporosis; and

WHEREAS, osteoporosis can lead to reduced mobility, pain, isolation, depression, and increased risk of death resulting from complications of treatment for broken bones, as well as other health risks; and

WHEREAS, osteoporosis imposes significant costs on individuals and society, including an estimated \$19 billion to treat two million fractures in 2005, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, harms imposed by osteoporosis may be reduced or eliminated through education and awareness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate May 10th, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Osteoporosis Awareness Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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