

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4649, by Representative DeBolt

1 WHEREAS, Amyloidosis, a rare disease of which there are several
2 types, one of which is similar to a blood cancer and another that is
3 commonly inherited. This combination of all types of Amyloidosis
4 affects approximately ten thousand people in the United States, five
5 hundred of whom live in Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, An abnormal protein either produced in the bone marrow
7 or liver travels through the bloodstream, depositing as amyloid in
8 various organs, primarily the heart, nervous system, intestines, and
9 kidneys, causing the organs to fail over time; and

10 WHEREAS, The medical length of survival for an Amyloidosis
11 patient, who does not receive treatment is less than three years.
12 Many patients go undiagnosed every year, and special initiatives,
13 such as this resolution can raise public awareness and save lives;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, There have been advances in the treatment of Amyloidosis
16 that have extended life expectancy, but currently, there are no drugs
17 approved for the destruction of amyloids; and

18 WHEREAS, The early diagnosis of Amyloidosis in conjunction with
19 prompt treatments not only improves the quality of life, but extends
20 life expectancy; and

21 WHEREAS, There are a limited number of Amyloidosis treatment
22 centers in Washington that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment

1 of Amyloidosis patients, but fortunately, we have one world class
2 center, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance; and

3 WHEREAS, Amyloidosis Foundation and other special organizations,
4 health care professionals, and health care facilities across the
5 country celebrate the month of March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the house of representatives
7 of the state of Washington commends these organizations, health care
8 professionals, and facilities for their work to treat and to raise
9 awareness of Amyloidosis.

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