Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is indeed proper to honor those who display selfless commitment to serving the community in so many ways and have given of themselves with exceptional quality, and to give testimony to their good deeds; and,

WHEREAS, lupus is a severe and unpredictable autoimmune disease that can cause life-threatening damage to any organ in the body; and,

WHEREAS, there remains low public awareness and understanding of this global health problem that affects millions of people worldwide. Many physicians are not fully aware of all its signs and symptoms, and there is a great need to provide more access to medical specialists and high-quality multidisciplinary care, and a need for the development of tools to improve patient-physician communications; and;

WHEREAS, there is a great need for medical research efforts to find the causes of lupus and develop more targeted treatment, and there is a deep unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals affected by lupus, including family members and caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Congress of the United States, I join in marking May 10, 2019 as WORLD LUPUS DAY as a day to call attention to the need for increased public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus; educational programs for health professionals, and improved access to quality medical care for people with lupus.

Proclaimed this 10th day of May 2019

Anthony Brindisi
United State House of Representatives