SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

Senator Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

A resolution to recognize October 23, 2025, as PURA Syndrome

Awareness Day.

Whereas, PURA syndrome is a rare neurodevelopmental disorder

caused by genetic alterations in the Purine-Rich Element Binding

Protein A gene, which plays a critical role in brain development

and cellular function; and

Whereas, Individuals affected by PURA syndrome often

experience significant developmental delays, intellectual

disabilities, hypotonia, feeding difficulties, and seizures, with

many remaining non-verbal and facing lifelong challenges; and

Whereas, PURA syndrome was first identified in medical

literature in 2014, and although fewer than 1,000 cases have been

diagnosed worldwide, increased access to genetic testing is

expected to lead to more diagnoses; and

Whereas, Families affected by PURA syndrome demonstrate 1 2 extraordinary resilience and advocacy, working to provide vital support, education, and funding for research to improve the quality 3 4 of life of those affected; and Whereas, Raising awareness of PURA syndrome is essential to 5 6 promoting early diagnosis, advancing research, and fostering 7 inclusive communities that support individuals with rare diseases; 8 and 9 Whereas, Advocacy groups and families have designated October 10 23rd as PURA Syndrome Awareness Day to honor those affected and to 11 encourage public education and support; now, therefore, be it 12 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative 13 body recognize October 23, 2025, as PURA Syndrome Awareness Day; 14 and be it further 15 Resolved, That we encourage all citizens to learn more about 16 PURA syndrome, support affected families, and promote awareness of 17 rare diseases.