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Expressing support for designation of the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, as ''Balance Awareness Week''.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, as ''Balance Awareness Week''.

Whereas vestibular (inner-ear-balance) disorders are under-diagnosed and undertreated;

Whereas as many as 35 percent of adults 40 years of age and older in the United States—approximately 69 million Americans—have experienced some form of vestibular dysfunction;

Whereas 80 percent of people 65 years of age and older have experienced dizziness;

Whereas vestibular disorder patients may consult 4 or more physicians and spend 50 months or more in their search for a diagnosis;

Whereas the Vestibular Disorders Association celebrates ''Balance Awareness Week'' to reduce the time it takes to diagnose a vestibular disorder by helping patients recognize their symptoms and encouraging them to seek help from a qualified vestibular specialist; and

Whereas the week of September 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014, would be an appropriate week to designate as ''Balance Awareness Week'': Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of ''Balance Awareness Week''; and

(2) recognizes the importance of raising public awareness about vestibular disorders.

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