Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I rise to help raise awareness of Tourette Syndrome. This is a misunderstood disorder that affects an unknown number of Americans. The experts think that maybe 200,000 of us suffers from this neurological disorder, although no one really knows because it often goes undiagnosed.

That is why we need to increase awareness and applaud those who do that work on a daily basis. In my home state, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders provides an innovative, multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional approach to treatment for those New Jersey families with Tourette Syndrome. It is the first and only program of its kind in the nation and serves as a model for other centers. In concert with the State legislature, they declared every Wednesday in New Jersey as Tourette Syndrome Day to call attention to this disorder. In order to continue to bring awareness to this disorder, today I will introduce a resolution supporting the designation of a National Tourette Syndrome Day.

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