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Committee passes resolution on Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – A House committee on Tuesday unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by state Rep. Luke Scavuzzo declaring March as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month and urging the federal government to undertake a comprehensive study on the impact of the condition.

Robin Holloway of Harrisonville, who has this very serious condition, was in Jefferson City to testify in support of the bill.

More than 1 million Americans suffer from hydrocephalus, a serious neurological condition caused by the build up of cerebral spinal fluid that places pressure on the brain. Although one to two out of every 1,000 babies are born with the condition, adults can also acquire it, often following brain or spinal surgery, traumatic brain injury or after infections such as meningitis.

“There has been little serious research or advances in treatment on this chronic and often debilitating condition in the last 40 years,” said Scavuzzo, D-Harrisonville. “We hope to raise awareness of this condition in the hope of spurring future progress toward a cure.”

After the 9-0 committee vote, Scavuzzo’s resolution, HCR 8, was reported “Do Pass” and now awaits a position on the House Calendar.

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