

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 2025 as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic disorder that affects three hundred fifty thousand people worldwide; the condition was first identified in 1956 by Swiss doctors Andrea Prader, Alexis Labhart, and Heinrich Willi, and it was confirmed as a genetic disorder related to the fifteenth chromosome in 1981; and

WHEREAS, PWS symptoms vary with age and are characterized by chronic hunger, growth hormone deficiency, and behavior challenges; immediately after birth, PWS symptoms including muscle weakness, feeding difficulties, and distinct facial features are noticeable; and

WHEREAS, the toddler and childhood years see a shift in PWS symptoms with the emergence of insatiable hunger, learning challenges, and behavioral issues; in adulthood, individuals with PWS face a blend of health issues and social concerns; adults experience endocrine issues, orthopedic problems, and mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association recognizes May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness and celebrate the achievements of individuals with PWS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 2025 as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support initiatives that bring greater awareness of and support to the rare disease community.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES