

Senator Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 130.

A resolution commemorating Dystonia Awareness and to commend Warren resident Mike Delise and the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF).

Whereas, Dystonia, a neurological movement disorder, affects an estimated 300,000 people in the United States. Because of a lack of widespread awareness, dystonia symptoms are often misunderstood by the public; and

Whereas, Dystonia has not had great exposure to the general public in the past. Warren resident Mike Delise has made it his mission to bring a greater visibility to this disorder. His passion for promoting dystonia awareness stems from his friendship with Jason Dunn, who also resides in Warren and has lived with dystonia since early childhood. The leading dystonia group, the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF), has thousands of members in the state of Michigan that also extend their support across the state and nation; and

Whereas, Symptoms of dystonia are frequently confusing to the public and often misdiagnosed by medical doctors as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, or psychiatric disorders. This ultimately delays the proper treatment and can result in an acceleration of symptoms. Dystonia causes muscles in the body to spasm or contract involuntarily, resulting in patterned movements as well as abnormal postures. Presently, there is no cure or single therapy that benefits even a majority of patients. Scientists around the world are actively pursuing research toward new therapies and a cure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate Dystonia Awareness and commend Warren resident Mike Delise and the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) for their support and efforts to promote this debilitating disorder; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mike Delise, Jason Dunn, and the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation.