

excessive daytime sleepiness, early cataracts and heart, breathing, digestive, hormonal, speech, swallowing, diabetic, immune, vision, and cognitive difficulties;

Whereas myotonic dystrophy is a highly variable and complicated disorder in which the younger an individual is when symptoms first appear, the more severe symptoms are likely to be, with progressively more severe symptoms occurring after the earlier symptoms are experienced;

Whereas misdiagnoses of myotonic dystrophy have persisted for decades, and delays in diagnosing myotonic dystrophy are common;

Whereas there are currently no treatments for myotonic dystrophy approved by the Food and Drug Administration;

Whereas, in 2007, the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation was founded with a mission to enhance the quality of life of people living with myotonic dystrophy and to accelerate research focused on finding treatments and a cure;

Whereas, in 2014, Congress reauthorized the Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2014 (Public Law 113-166; 42 U.S.C. 201), which increased muscular dystrophy research funding and public health surveillance activities, including for myotonic dystrophy;

Whereas, in September 2017, recognizing the seriousness of myotonic dystrophy and the especially disabling impact of myotonic dystrophy on individuals with congenital myotonic dystrophy, the Social Security Administration added congenital myotonic dystrophy to the Compassionate Allowances program that allows individuals to quickly qualify for disability benefits, including health insurance coverage;

Whereas, in 2018, Congress added myotonic dystrophy to the list of eligible conditions for research funding under the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense, which resulted in more than \$6,000,000 in new research awards;

Whereas funding for myotonic dystrophy research supported by the National Institutes of Health remained flat between 2010 and 2020 with the agency awarding \$24,000,000 in research grants in fiscal year 2020; and

Whereas increased Federal funding for myotonic dystrophy research will improve health outcomes, reduce disability, and increase life expectancy for individuals living with myotonic dystrophy and holds great promise for helping individuals with similar genetic diseases: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 15, 2021 as “International Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day”; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of International Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day, including—

(A) committing to promoting and advancing the health, well-being, and inherent dignity of all children and adults with myotonic dystrophy;

(B) supporting the advancement of scientific and medical myotonic dystrophy research at the National Institutes of Health and as part of the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense;

(C) fostering biopharmaceutical innovation that will lead to treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration and eventually a cure for myotonic dystrophy;

(D) advancing programs and policies that assist individuals disabled by myotonic dystrophy and the caregivers of those individuals; and

(E) encouraging awareness and education of myotonic dystrophy among patients, caregivers, clinicians, and researchers.

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, myotonic dystrophy is a rare, multi-systemic, progressive, inherited disease that affects successive family generations but is often misdiagnosed. Affecting as many as 1 in 2,100 individuals, myotonic dystrophy is the most common form of adult muscular dystrophy. However, there is currently no cure and there are no Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved treatments.

Today, I am pleased to introduce the first ever U.S. Senate resolution designating September 15th as International Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day. The resolution will help to highlight the devastating generational impact of this disease, focus global attention on accelerating drug discovery, and work to advance healthcare for our community.

Caused by an inherited genetic anomaly, individuals with myotonic dystrophy experience varied and complex symptoms, from locked muscles, to heart, breathing, digestive, hormonal, and cognitive difficulties. It is not uncommon for older family members to only be tested following the birth of an affected child, and despite the availability of simple genetic tests, misdiagnoses can persist for decades.

The different body systems affected, the severity of symptoms, and the age of onset of those symptoms varies greatly between individuals, even within the same family. Many of these individuals live with debilitating symptoms yet in the majority of situations, they never receive adequate or proactive medical care which could dramatically improve their quality of life.

More research is desperately needed to change this reality. Virginia-based researchers are among the global leaders working to better understand myotonic dystrophy and discover new treatments and a cure. Much of this work is being led by researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and supported by Virginia advocates.

The Resolution calls for the advancement of scientific and medical myotonic dystrophy research at the National Institutes of Health and as part of the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense; fostering biopharmaceutical innovation that will lead to treatments approved by the FDA and eventually a cure for myotonic dystrophy; advancing programs and policies that assist individuals with disabilities caused by myotonic dystrophy and the caregivers of those individuals; and encouraging awareness and education of myotonic dystrophy among patients, caregivers, clinicians, and researchers.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to see the Resolution designating September 15th as International Myotonic Dystrophy Awareness Day as an opportunity to raise awareness for this devastating disease and to promote and advance the health, well-being, and inherent dignity of all chil-

dren and adults with myotonic dystrophy. I ask for their support.

SENATE RESOLUTION 337—RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXPLOSION AT THE PORT OF BEIRUT ON AUGUST 4, 2020, AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE LEBANESE PEOPLE

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 337

Whereas, on August 4, 2020, an estimated 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate detonated at the Port of Beirut, killing more than 200 people, injuring more than 7,500, displacing an estimated 300,000, and causing an estimated \$4,600,000,000 in property damage;

Whereas reports suggest that the ammonium nitrate that detonated in the blast had been confiscated from the MV Rhosus, an abandoned cargo ship, in 2014 and had been unsafely stored at the Port of Beirut despite warnings of the risks posed by the stockpile from multiple customs and security officials in successive governments;

Whereas, in addition to the 300,000 estimated to be displaced by the blast, Lebanon also hosts 1,500,000 refugees from conflicts in Syria, Iraq, and the Palestinian Territories;

Whereas, the United Nations estimates that 3,200,000 Lebanese nationals and refugees are in need in Lebanon, including 3,000,000 people in need of health assistance and 2,300,000 people in need of food and agricultural assistance;

Whereas the people of Lebanon face what the World Bank has described as a “deliberate depression” and an economic crisis compounded by the explosion at the Port of Beirut and impasse of governance;

Whereas the World Bank projects that more than half of the population of Lebanon lives in poverty in 2021 and 25 percent lives in extreme poverty;

Whereas the World Bank estimates that inflation increased from 10 percent in January 2020 to 120 percent in August 2020 while, according to the Central Administration of Statistics for Lebanon, food prices rose 402 percent between December 2019 and December 2020;

Whereas, 3 days after the explosion on August 4, 2020, the United States Agency for International Development activated a Disaster Assistance Response Team (“DART”) and stood up a Response Management Team (“RMT”) to coordinate the response of the United States Government, which included—

(1) \$15,100,000 to support emergency food and health response activities;

(2) \$10,500,000 to the World Food Program (“WFP”) in order to reach 300,000 people affected by the explosions;

(3) coordination at an international donors conference, raising an additional \$298,000,000 in assistance;

(4) an airlift of emergency health kits containing critical medical commodities sufficient to support up to 60,000 people for 3 months; and

(5) supporting the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (“UNHCR”) to provide primary and secondary health care services to vulnerable individuals, including in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, 1 year after the explosion, domestic Lebanese investigations into the blast have been stalled and no answers have been provided to the Lebanese public;

Whereas, on August 10, 2020, the Lebanese government referred the Beirut explosion to

the Judicial Council for investigation and, on August 13, 2020, Judge Fadi Sawan was appointed to head the investigation and possible prosecution;

Whereas Judge Sawan charged several government officials with criminal negligence for ignoring warnings regarding unsafe conditions created by the storage of chemicals at the Port of Beirut;

Whereas those officials accused of negligence in the Port blast have claimed immunity from prosecution and filed legal efforts to remove Judge Sawan from the probe;

Whereas, on February 18, 2021, Judge Sawan was removed from the investigation, further delaying justice for the victims of the blast and the people of Lebanon;

Whereas Hezbollah, designated by the Department of State as a foreign terrorist organization, benefits from governmental corruption at the Port of Beirut that allows for the illicit import and export of goods;

Whereas, on July 30, 2021, the European Union, with the support of the Department of State and the Department of the Treasury, adopted a sanctions regime targeting corrupt actors within the government of Lebanon; and

Whereas the people of Lebanon across the political and sectoral spectrum have demanded accountability for the tragic events of August 4, 2020, and have requested that their governing and economic institutions implement meaningful reform, accountability, and transparency; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) stands with the people of Lebanon 1 year on from the horrific tragedy of the Port of Beirut explosion and acknowledges the burdens that the Lebanese people have shouldered;

(2) supports the demands of the people of Lebanon for transparency, accountability, and an end to systemic and endemic corruption in the Government of Lebanon;

(3) further supports continued efforts by the United States Government to provide humanitarian relief in concert with other governments and international partners in a manner that directly benefits the Lebanese people and is through properly-vetted channels, organizations, and individuals;

(4) commends the European Union for developing, with the support of the United States, the framework of sanctions regime to prompt accountability and good governance in Lebanon;

(5) calls on all Lebanese officials to respect and abide by an independent and transparent judiciary investigation into the cause of, and responsibility for, the port explosion; and

(6) further calls on Lebanese political leaders to form and approve a stable, democratic, and legitimate government and to immediately implement the reforms necessary to ensure good governance and economic stability.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2478. Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. WICKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

SA 2479. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KELLY) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2480. Mr. LANKFORD (for Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2481. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2482. Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2483. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2484. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2485. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2486. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2487. Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2488. Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr.

WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2489. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2490. Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2491. Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2492. Mr. LANKFORD (for Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2493. Mr. COONS (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2494. Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2495. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2496. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2497. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2498. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to