

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14–Committee on

Health and Human Services

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Commending Dr. Daniel L. Peterson for his work on behalf of persons with chronic fatigue syndrome and urging the Congress of the United States to provide financial support for additional scientific research to combat this disease.

WHEREAS, Chronic fatigue syndrome is an illness characterized by prolonged, debilitating fatigue and multiple symptoms such as headaches, muscle and joint pains, sleep disturbances, recurrent sore throats and cognitive impairment; and

WHEREAS, This illness is often misdiagnosed and its cause erroneously attributed to irrelevant conditions; and

WHEREAS, Because the cause of this illness is unknown and there are no diagnostic tests, this illness is diagnosed when the symptoms persist for more than 6 months and cannot be attributed to any other medical condition; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies have indicated that chronic fatigue syndrome is a far greater public health problem than previously known, affecting men and women of all racial and ethnic groups, as well as adolescents, with the highest prevalence occurring among Caucasian women; and

WHEREAS, Many patients with chronic fatigue syndrome are unable to continue holding jobs, attending school or caring for family members; and

WHEREAS, Treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome is currently focused on symptomatic relief since there is no single drug or group of drugs specific to this disease; and

WHEREAS, Extensive scientific research is needed to determine the cause and cure for chronic fatigue syndrome, such as the recent double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover pilot study conducted at Georgetown University Medical Center resulting in the discovery that a naturally occurring coenzyme, commercially available as ENADA®, can alleviate symptoms of this debilitating illness; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's own Dr. Daniel L. Peterson, who is a member of the Sierra Internal Medicine Associates in Incline Village, Nevada, is well known for his role in the fight against chronic fatigue syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Dr. Peterson has treated more than 2,000 patients with chronic fatigue syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson's dedication to this cause is evidenced by his tenure as Medical Director of the Fatigue Clinic for the diagnosis of fatigue and the treatment of chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome at the Neurology Clinic of the University of California, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson is a member of the International Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Study Group, and has earned nationwide recognition as co-author of many articles relating to chronic fatigue syndrome which have appeared in medical journals and publications throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, In treating patients with chronic fatigue syndrome, Dr. Peterson has drawn on practices that have made medicine a valued art by ruling out alternative problems, ameliorating symptoms, using alternative treatments and offering guidance with compassion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby commend Dr. Peterson for his outstanding work and selfless dedication on behalf of persons with chronic fatigue syndrome; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to provide financial support and ensure that federal health agencies allocate increasing resources for additional scientific research to combat chronic fatigue syndrome; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Daniel L. Peterson and to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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