2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

February 10, 2012 – Introduced by Senators LAZICH and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representative KUGLITSCH. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: Turner syndrome awareness month.

Whereas, Turner syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,500 live female births; and

Whereas, earlier diagnosis will help these girls and women get a complete cardiac screening; and

Whereas, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than 100-fold in young and middle-aged women with Turner syndrome; and

Whereas, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

Whereas, individuals with Turner syndrome have an increased risk of nonverbal learning disorder, which can cause problems in math, visual-spatial skills, executive-function skills, and job retention; and

Whereas, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner syndrome research and support; and
Whereas, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with Turner syndrome can live a happy, healthy life; and

Whereas, the establishment of Turner syndrome awareness month will provide the opportunity to share experience and information and raise public awareness about Turner syndrome; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature proclaims February 2012 to be Turner syndrome awareness month and encourages all residents to increase awareness of, education about, and services for Turner syndrome, which each year affects hundreds of female babies in Wisconsin; and, be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the senate shall transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.