

House Resolution 1810

By: Representative Ehrhart of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and recognizing March 24, 2010, as
2 Osteogenesis Imperfecta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta is a rare genetic disorder that causes brittle bones due
4 to the poor or insufficient formation of collagen in the body; and

5 WHEREAS, without adequate collagen in the body, bones do not have the support they need
6 to absorb normal shock or trauma; and

7 WHEREAS, while fragile bones are the hallmark of Osteogenesis Imperfecta, other medical
8 problems, including loose joints, early hearing loss, brittle teeth, respiratory problems, and
9 easy bruising are also part of the disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta is present throughout a person's lifetime and can be
11 diagnosed in utero or at birth, as a small child when unexplained broken bones appear, or
12 later in life when an adult has an unusually low bone density for his or her age; and

13 WHEREAS, Osteogenesis Imperfecta manifests itself in four forms, Type I, Type II, Type
14 III, and Type IV, with the most common and mildest form, Type I, characterized with mild
15 bone fragility, relatively few fractures, and minimal limb deformities, with incidents of
16 fractures decreasing considerably after an individual has stopped growing; and

17 WHEREAS, infants with the most severe form, Type II Osteogenesis Imperfecta, are
18 typically born with very short limbs, small chests, soft skulls, under-developed lungs, low
19 birth weight, respiratory problems, and legs with a frog-like positioning; and

20 WHEREAS, Type III Osteogenesis Imperfecta is characterized by structurally defective
21 Type I collagen and appears as mildly shortened and bowed limbs, small chests, and a soft

22 calvarium, and people with Type IV Osteogenesis Imperfecta have moderate-to-severe
23 growth retardation and commonly have long bones which are bowed; and

24 WHEREAS, individuals living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta must take special precautions
25 in their daily lives to reduce the likelihood of injuries, and their childhood years are often
26 filled with surgeries and broken limbs; and

27 WHEREAS, the courageous battle fought by people with Osteogenesis Imperfecta makes
28 them strong individuals with great character and perseverance; and

29 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2010, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is sponsoring the
30 Bone China Tea Party, a phantom tea party in which people send an invitation with a tea bag
31 to family and friends, inviting them to enjoy a cup of tea in the comfort of their own home
32 and make a donation in honor of a friend or family member living with Osteogenesis
33 Imperfecta; and

34 WHEREAS, proceeds from this event go towards creating new information resources for
35 families and medical professionals and fund groundbreaking research to find a cure to
36 Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend the work of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation and
39 recognize March 24, 2010, as Osteogenesis Imperfecta Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Osteogenesis Imperfecta
42 Foundation.