

Rep. Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 70.**

A resolution to declare April 2011 as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, With more than 16,500 new cases in the United States in 2010, esophageal cancer is one of the fastest growing cancer diagnoses in our nation; and

Whereas, Esophageal cancer is a disease in which cancer cells form in the tissues of the esophagus, often preceded by symptoms of pain or difficulty swallowing, indigestion, heartburn, hoarseness and coughing. Risk factors for esophageal cancer include gastric reflux, heavy alcohol and tobacco use; and

Whereas, Esophageal cancer is often discovered during advanced stages, but if discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better, and treatments for the disease include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, laser therapy and electrocoagulation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2011 as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage citizens to pay attention to esophageal cancer symptoms in order to promote early detection.