RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of May as National Stroke Awareness Month.

Whereas stroke, also known as a cerebrovascular accident, is an acute neurologic injury that occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted by a clot in the artery or a burst of the artery;

Whereas stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurologic damage or even death if not promptly diagnosed and treated;

Whereas in the United States, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 person in the United States dies from stroke every 4 minutes;
Whereas every year, more than 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke;

Whereas stroke costs the United States an estimated $54,000,000,000 each year, including the costs of health care services, medications, and missed days of work;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability;

Whereas those disabilities may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from stroke have a considerable impact on children, families, and society; and

Whereas May would be an appropriate month to designate as National Stroke Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of National Stroke Awareness Month;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy of organizations that work to enhance public awareness of stroke; and

(3) encourages continued coordination and cooperation between government, researchers, families, and the public to improve treatments and prognoses for individuals who suffer strokes.