## H. RES. 235

Expressing support for the goals of National Mammography Day.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## **RESOLUTION**

- Expressing support for the goals of National Mammography Day.
- Whereas 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime;
- Whereas 180,200 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and 43,900 women will die of the disease;
- Whereas breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death of women between the ages of 40 and 55;
- Whereas it is universally recognized that regular mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages, and that mammograms can detect small breast cancers up to 2 years earlier than they can be detected through self-examination;
- Whereas early detection, including regular mammography screening with prompt treatment, could result in one third fewer breast cancer deaths;
- Whereas the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute recognize that regular mammograms are beneficial to women in their forties and recommend that women begin mammography screening by age 40;
- Whereas nearly half of American women age 50 and older have not had a mammogram in the last 2 years, only 37 percent of women age 65 and older have a mammogram every 2 years, and fewer than a third of American women follow the recommended mammography guidelines; and
- Whereas National Mammography Day, which this year falls on October 17, was created to increase awareness of the importance of regular mammography screening and to

expand access to mammogram services: Now, therefore, be it

## 1 Resolved, That—

- (1) the House supports the goals of National Mammography Day;
  - (2) all American women are urged to take an active role in the fight against breast cancer by all the means that are available to them, including self-examination, physician examination, and regular mammograms; and
  - (3) the role played by community organizations and health care providers in promoting awareness of the importance of regular mammograms and in helping to expand the availability of low-cost mammograms should be recognized and applauded.

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