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# H. RES. 83

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1997

Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. DeFAZIO, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. PORTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas heart disease was the leading cause of death for both men and women in every year from 1970 to 1993;

Whereas mortality rates for individuals suffering from prostate cancer, skin cancer, and kidney cancer continue to rise;

Whereas the mortality rate for African American women suffering from diabetes is 134 percent higher than the mortality rate of Caucasian women suffering from diabetes;

Whereas asthma rates for children increased 58 percent from 1982 to 1992;

Whereas it has been estimated that delaying the onset of Alzheimer's disease by just one year would save Americans \$5 Billion per year;

Whereas nearly half of all American women between the ages of 65 and 75 reported having arthritis;

Whereas AIDS is the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 24 and 44;

Whereas the Institute of Medicine has described United States clinical research to be in a state of crisis and the National Academy of Sciences concluded in 1994 that the present cohort of clinical investigators is not adequate;

Whereas biomedical research has been shown to be effective in saving lives and reducing health care expenditures;

Whereas research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health has contributed significantly to the first overall reduction in cancer death rates since recordkeeping was instituted;

Whereas research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health has resulted in the identification of genetic mutations for osteoporosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, cystic fibrosis, and Huntington's disease, breast, skin, and prostate cancer, and a variety of other illnesses;

Whereas research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health has been key to the development of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET) scanning technologies;

Whereas research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health has developed effective treatments for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and 80 percent of children diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia are alive and free of the disease after 5 years; and

Whereas research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health contributed to the development of a new, cost saving cure for peptic ulcers: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*,

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3        This resolution may be cited as the “Biomedical Research Commitment Resolution of 1997”.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

6        It is the sense of the House of Representatives that appropriations for the National Institutes of Health should be increased by 100 percent over the next 5 fiscal years.

