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# H. CON. RES. 139

Recognizing the success of lay person CPR training in increasing the rate of survival of cardiac arrest and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the need for such training.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. COOK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. GREEN of Texas) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the success of lay person CPR training in increasing the rate of survival of cardiac arrest and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the need for such training.

Whereas every year more than 480,000 American adults die from coronary heart disease or its complications;

Whereas about half of these deaths result from sudden cardiac arrest;

Whereas the average sudden cardiac arrest survival rate in the United States is just 5 percent;

Whereas victims of these emergencies stand a much better chance of survival if cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is administered immediately after an arrest;

Whereas this depends on the actions of lay persons, an estimated 2 to 3 percent of whom are trained in the administration of CPR;

Whereas as a result of Seattle's concentrated efforts to improve cardiac arrest survival rates, including mass CPR training, the city can boast of an increase in survival rates from 2 percent to 24 percent; and

Whereas National CPR Weekend is supported by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross and will be observed on the third weekend in September 1999, during National CPR Month, to increase the national survival rate of cardiac arrest by increasing public awareness of the lack of lay person training and the need to become involved in successful training programs: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That—*

3           (1) it is the sense of the Congress that all  
4       Americans should recognize their responsibility to  
5       become trained in the life-saving technique of  
6       cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and seek the  
7       opportunity to halt the devastation of cardiac arrest;  
8       and

9           (2) the Congress—

10           (A) supports the efforts of the National  
11       CPR Task Force in its development of mass

1 CPR training programs in 10 States by the end  
2 of 1999, and in every State by the end of 2001;  
3 and

4 (B) supports and commends the goals and  
5 ideas of the National CPR Weekend initiated by  
6 the Task Force in order to facilitate awareness  
7 of the training program of the Task Force and  
8 the need for individuals to receive training in  
9 administering CPR.

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