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# H. RES. 517

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the  
Bloch Cancer Foundation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2000

Mr. MOORE (for himself, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MORAN of Kansas)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with  
respect to the Bloch Cancer Foundation.

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch are founders of the  
Bloch Cancer Foundation, established in 1980;

Whereas Richard and Annette have gifted to the University  
of Missouri-Kansas City the Bloch Support Center, a  
center which reaches out to cancer-stricken patients,  
their supporters, and caregivers, through education,  
counseling, and research designed to achieve the highest  
quality of life while living with cancer, and, in addition,  
offers professional education opportunities for students to  
receive training and research skills that deal with the  
psychological aspects of cancer;

Whereas Richard Bloch conceived of a computer program, which was implemented by the National Cancer Institute, called PDQ (“Physicians Data Query”) that gathers information from every cancer center in the United States and 22 foreign countries and gives the state of the art treatment for every type and stage of cancer in addition to all available experimental therapies;

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch authored three books: “Cancer...There’s Hope” about Richard’s battle with his “terminal” lung cancer; “Fighting Cancer”, a step-by-step guide showing cancer patients how to fight the disease; and “Guide for Cancer Supporters”, geared exclusively to supporters of cancer patients;

Whereas Cancer Survivor Parks have been established to help cancer survivors, to be a tribute to these survivors, and to be a celebration of life in Kansas City, Missouri; Houston, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Rancho Mirage, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Santa Rosa, California; Jacksonville, Florida; Bakersfield, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Baltimore, Maryland; Chicago, Illinois and Omaha, Nebraska;

Whereas Dick and Annette’s foundation has gathered a wide variety of volunteers including doctors sharing their time, computer specialists creating informative and helpful web sites, home volunteers making calls to offer guidance and hope to new patients, and in-house volunteers answering phone calls, e-mails, and being there when called upon;

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch in 1980 founded the Bloch Cancer Hot Line, an organization composed of more than 500 cancer survivors that has fielded over 125,000 calls in the last 20 years, which on June 4,

2000, will celebrate its 20th anniversary of giving hope, support, and information to those who call;

Whereas June 4, 2000, also marks the 15th anniversary of the first Cancer Survivor Day Rally, held originally in Kansas City, Missouri, and now held in over 700 communities throughout the United States; and

Whereas the Cancer Survivor Day Rally glorifies the attitude that cancer and death are not synonymous and that a cancer diagnosis does not represent a decrease in the quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives com-  
2 mends Richard and Annette Bloch and the Bloch Cancer  
3 Foundation and their network of invaluable volunteers on  
4 behalf of 8,400,000 Americans living with cancer.

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