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Expressing the sense of the Congress supporting Federal funding of pluripotent stem cell research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mrs. MORELLA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Federal funds are crucial for researchers to proceed with stem cell research and technologies;

Whereas pluripotent stem cell research does not undermine the current ban on Federal funding of human embryo research because pluripotent stem cells are not embryos and cannot become embryos;

Whereas pluripotent stem cells are precursors of specialized cells which are destroyed or damaged in many incurable diseases and disabilities;

Whereas the ability to use pluripotent stem cells to generate specialized cells, such as the dopamine-producing cells that are degenerated in Parkinson's disease or the ins

lin-producing cells that are impaired in diabetes, allow doctors to learn to generate the specialized cells that are destroyed or damaged in other diseases and disabilities;

Whereas pluripotent stem cell research could lead to various improved treatments or cures for Alzheimer's disease, anemia, AIDS, arthritis, blindness, brain injury, birth defects, cancer, deafness, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, Lou Gehrig's disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's disease, severe burns, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord injury and stroke, and could also lead to improved success in organ transplantation; and

Whereas Federal funding through the National Institutes of Health ensures that sensitive research will be conducted in accordance with the highest scientific and ethical standards: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
2 concurring), That the Congress supports Federal funding
3 of pluripotent stem cell research.

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