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Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the form of cancer known as mesothelioma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOFFEL submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the form of cancer known as mesothelioma.

Whereas little is known about mesothelioma, a rare and deadly form of cancer;

Whereas the main cause of mesothelioma is asbestos exposure;

Whereas 3,000 Americans die from mesothelioma each year;

Whereas between 2,500 and 3,000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed each year;

Whereas 30 percent of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on Naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas an exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma 30 years later;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975;

Whereas there is no specific treatment for mesothelioma;

Whereas the expected survival rate of those diagnosed with the disease is between 8 and 12 months;

Whereas it is believed that many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Ground Zero on 9/11/01 could be at great risk of contracting mesothelioma in the future; and

Whereas the establishment of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day would raise public awareness about the prevalence of mesothelioma and the serious problems associated with the disease: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress supports the goals and
 3 ideals of National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

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