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Recognizing the survivors of cervical cancer and the importance of good cervical health, preventing HPV infection, and detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

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Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the survivors of cervical cancer and the importance of good cervical health, preventing HPV infection, and detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

Whereas approximately 12,000 women are diagnosed with, and 4,100 women die from, cervical cancer in the United States each year;

Whereas cervical cancer is primarily caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and can be detected by a Papanicolaou test (Pap test) or other HPV detection tests;

Whereas 20 million people in the United States are currently infected with HPV and an estimated 5.5 million people become infected with HPV every year;

Whereas the financial burden of HPV in the United States has been estimated to be from \$1.6 billion to \$6 billion annually, making HPV one of the most costly sexually transmitted diseases after HIV infection;

Whereas the earlier cervical cancer is detected the better chance a woman has of surviving cervical cancer;

Whereas women of certain racial or ethnic minorities, women who have less than a high school education, and women who have a low income are less likely than other women to receive a Pap test or other early HPV detection test;

Whereas women who are members of certain racial or ethnic minorities and women who have a low income are more likely than other women to die from cervical cancer; and

Whereas cervical cancer survivors have shown tremendous courage and determination in the face of adversity: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes the importance of good cervical
4 health, preventing HPV infection, and detecting cer-
5 vical cancer during its earliest stages;

6 (2) urges health care facilities and other med-
7 ical institutions to raise public awareness about
8 HPV infection, cervical cancer, and the importance
9 of prevention and early detection;

1 (3) urges Federal health agencies including the
2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the
3 Food and Drug Administration to take actions in
4 compliance with Public Law 106–554 to provide
5 medically accurate information to the public and
6 health care professionals about HPV, including best
7 recommendations for prevention, health con-
8 sequences of infection, and the importance of early
9 detection;

10 (4) urges the people of the United States to
11 learn about HPV and cervical cancer and the impor-
12 tance of prevention and early detection; and

13 (5) recognizes the survivors of cervical cancer
14 for their tremendous courage and determination.

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