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Supporting the goals and ideals of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. DELAURO, and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

- Whereas all 50 States recognize September as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month;
- Whereas the most common gynecologic cancers include ovarian, cervical, and uterine cancer;
- Whereas each year, over 82,000 women are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer;
- Whereas over 27,000 women die from gynecologic cancer every year;

Whereas gynecologic cancers are often misdiagnosed;

Whereas if diagnosed in the early stages (Stages 1 and 2), the 5 year survivability rates are as high as 95 percent;

- Whereas education and awareness of the symptoms of gynecologic cancers can protect women's lives;
- Whereas if women learn the symptoms, have an annual exam, know their family history, and communicate with their health care providers, lives can be saved;
- Whereas in 1999, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation established September as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month; and
- Whereas the Federal programs on gynecologic cancers do not include a national outreach and education effort: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
  - 2 concurring), That—
- 3 (1) the Congress supports the goals and ideals
  4 of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month; and
- 5 (2) it is the sense of the Congress that the Na-6 tional Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease 7 Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Ad-8 ministration's Office of Women's Health should co-9 ordinate efforts to establish a National Gynecologic 10 Cancer Awareness and Education Campaign targeting the medical community and all women re-11 12 gardless of ethnic or socio-economic background.

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