109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 403

Expressing the sense of Congress with regard to the importance of Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 17, 2006

Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mrs. Bono, and Mrs. Capps) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with regard to the importance of Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health.

Whereas women of all backgrounds have the power to greatly reduce their risk of common diseases through preventive measures such as a healthy lifestyle and frequent medical screenings;

Whereas significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African American women, Asian/

Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian/Alaska Native women;

- Whereas since healthy habits should begin at a young age, and preventive care saves Federal dollars designated to health care, it is important to raise awareness among women and girls of key female health issues;
- Whereas National Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day annually and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women's health issues; and
- Whereas in 2006, the week of May 14 through May 20, is dedicated as the National Women's Health Week: Now therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate 2 concurring), That Congress—
 - 3 (1) recognizes the importance of preventing dis-
 - 5 (2) calls on the people of the United States to 6 use Women's Health Week as an opportunity to
- 7 learn about health issues that face women;

eases that commonly affect women;

- 8 (3) calls on the women of the United States to 9 observe National Women's Check-Up Day by receiv-
- ing preventive screenings from their health care pro-
- 11 viders; and

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- 12 (4) recognizes the importance of federally fund-
- ed programs that provide research and collect data

- 1 on common diseases in women and highlight racial
- 2 disparities in the rates of these diseases.

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