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H. R. 192

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Cure and Under-
3 standing through Research for Alzheimer’s Act of 2005”
4 or the “La Cura Act of 2005”.

5 **SEC. 2. NIH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON ALZHEIMER’S**
6 **DISEASE.**

7 (a) DOUBLING NIH FUNDING FOR ALZHEIMER’S
8 DISEASE RESEARCH.—For the purpose of conducting and
9 supporting research on Alzheimer’s disease at the Na-
10 tional Institutes of Health (including related activities
11 under subpart 5 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
12 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285e et seq.)), there are authorized
13 to be appropriated \$1,400,000,000 for fiscal year 2006
14 and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent
15 fiscal year.

16 (b) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—In conducting research
17 relating to Alzheimer’s disease, the Director of the Na-
18 tional Institutes of Health shall ensure sufficient resources
19 for activities relating to Alzheimer’s disease and Hispanic
20 communities, including by—

21 (1) increasing efforts in epidemiological work in
22 Hispanic subgroups;

23 (2) allocating resources to the National Insti-
24 tute on Aging Alzheimer’s disease research centers
25 and other academic centers involved in Alzheimer’s
26 disease research to increase participation of His-

1 panics in research and clinical trials in sufficient
2 numbers to draw valid conclusions; and

3 (3) conducting social, behavioral, and health
4 services research—

5 (A) to understand more fully the under-
6 lying reasons that Hispanic individuals delay di-
7 agnosis and underutilize services; and

8 (B) to identify culturally and linguistically
9 appropriate approaches for addressing such
10 delays and underutilization.

11 (c) EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The Director of the
12 National Institutes of Health shall expand and intensify
13 efforts of the Institutes—

14 (1) to educate communities about the impor-
15 tance of research relating to Alzheimer’s disease;
16 and

17 (2) to respond effectively to cultural concerns
18 about participation in such research, especially with
19 respect to sensitive matters like the collection of
20 brain tissue and genetic information.

21 **SEC. 3. INCREASED FUNDING FOR ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE**

22 **DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.**

23 Section 398B(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 280c–5(e)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and such” and inserting
2 “such”; and

3 (2) by inserting before the period at the end “,
4 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and such sums as
5 may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2007
6 through 2010”.

7 **SEC. 4. CDC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.**

8 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-
10 tion 317S the following:

11 **“SEC. 317T. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ON ALZHEIMER’S**
12 **DISEASE.**

13 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are
14 the following:

15 “(1) To reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s disease
16 through reduction of vascular risk factors.

17 “(2) To encourage early recognition and diag-
18 nosis of dementia.

19 “(3) To train public health personnel to recog-
20 nize, assess, diagnose, and treat Alzheimer’s disease
21 in ways that are culturally appropriate and sup-
22 portive of families.

23 “(b) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.—To achieve the
24 purposes of this section, the Secretary, acting through the
25 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in collabora-

1 tion with State health departments and the Alzheimer’s
2 Association, shall conduct an aggressive, evidence-based
3 education and outreach program to promote public aware-
4 ness and risk reduction with respect to Alzheimer’s dis-
5 ease.

6 “(c) EMPHASIS.—In carrying out this section, the
7 Secretary shall give particular emphasis to education and
8 outreach in Hispanic populations.”.

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