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H. R. 987

To provide funding for programs at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences regarding breast cancer in younger women, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. COOPER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. WEINER, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. McINTYRE, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Annie Fox Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Breast cancer is a serious health concern
2 for all women, striking more women in the world
3 than any other type of cancer other than skin can-
4 cer.

5 (2) In the past 50 years, women's lifetime risk
6 of breast cancer has nearly tripled in the United
7 States.

8 (3) Despite notable progress in efforts to ex-
9 pand knowledge of breast cancer and its causes,
10 there is still much to learn, and financial resources
11 are needed to accomplish this goal.

12 (4) Broadening the scope of current research to
13 include underrepresented populations, in particular
14 women who are 15 to 40 years of age, is necessary
15 to have a comprehensive understanding of breast
16 cancer and the long-term health effects of cancer
17 treatments on younger women.

18 (5) Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer
19 death in women who are 15 to 40 years of age.

20 (6) Approximately 11,000 women under the age
21 of 40 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year,
22 of which nearly 1,300 will die.

23 (7) There are nearly 250,000 women in the
24 United States under the age of 40 currently living
25 with breast cancer.

1 (8) Breast cancer tends to be more aggressive
2 in younger women than in their post-menopausal
3 counterparts due to the lack of appropriate diag-
4 nostic tools and screening devices, and inadequate
5 education about the disease among younger women
6 and the medical community.

7 (9) Because younger women's cancers are gen-
8 erally more aggressive, they typically have lower sur-
9 vival rates than their post-menopausal counterparts.

10 (10) Younger women with breast cancer are
11 confronted with many issues that their post-meno-
12 pausal counterparts do not face, including the possi-
13 bility of early menopause, pregnancy after diagnosis,
14 generally more advanced cancers at diagnosis, and
15 higher mortality rates.

16 (11) Younger women are virtually excluded
17 from breast cancer studies, most of which are con-
18 ducted on women over the age of 45.

19 **SEC. 3. PROGRAMS AT NIEHS REGARDING BREAST CANCER**
20 **IN YOUNGER WOMEN.**

21 Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health
22 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285l et seq.; relating to the Na-
23 tional Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “PROGRAMS REGARDING BREAST CANCER IN YOUNGER
2 WOMEN

3 “SEC. 463C. (a) EXPANSION AND COORDINATION OF
4 ACTIVITIES.—The Director of the Institute shall expand,
5 intensify, and coordinate the activities of the Institute re-
6 garding breast cancer in younger women.

7 “(b) RESEARCH.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
8 Director of the Institute shall provide for an expansion
9 and intensification of the conduct and support of basic and
10 clinical research on the causes, prevention, detection,
11 treatment, and long-term effects of breast cancer in
12 younger women, including the long-term effects of treat-
13 ment.

14 “(c) INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.—In carrying
15 out subsection (a), the Director of the Institute shall pro-
16 vide for an expansion and intensification of the conduct
17 and support of information and education programs for
18 health professionals and the public regarding breast can-
19 cer in younger women.

20 “(d) REPORTS.—The Director of the Institute shall
21 prepare, for inclusion in the biennial report submitted
22 under section 407, a report that includes a description of
23 the activities of the Institute under this section, and such
24 other comments and recommendations regarding breast

1 cancer in younger women as the Director considers appro-
2 priate.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
4 purpose of expanding, intensifying, and coordinating ac-
5 tivities regarding breast cancer in younger women under
6 this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
7 \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2011,
8 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2012
9 through 2016. Such authorizations of appropriations are
10 in addition to any other authorizations of appropriations
11 available for such purpose.”.

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