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H. RES. 667

Commending hospice care providers such as Hospeace House for allowing people with life-limiting illness or injury to die pain-free and with dignity.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUHLMAN of New York submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the number of hospice programs nationwide has grown from one program in 1974 to 3,650 programs in 2004 and continues to increase;

Whereas approximately 63 percent of hospice programs, including Hospeace House of Naples, New York, are non-profit;

Whereas 1,060,000 patients sought hospice care in 2004;

Whereas hospice providers care for patients with diagnoses of cancer, end-stage heart disease, dementia, debility, lung disease, and end-stage kidney disease, among others;

Whereas hospice patients are, in most cases, in need of caring, rather than curing;

Whereas Hospeace House has established a network of nurses, volunteers, clergy, and staff, which enables it to provide the highest level of hospice care possible to its residents; and

Whereas hospice offers a unique mix of medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support to patients as well as their families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Hospeace House and the rest of
3 the Nation's hospice providers for their contributions
4 in caring for people who have months rather than
5 years to live;

6 (2) commends these hospice providers for making
7 patients comfortable, addressing issues that
8 cause patients physical and emotional pain, and supporting
9 their families; and

10 (3) encourages hospice providers to maintain
11 their commitment to offering the highest quality of
12 care for patients by establishing community partnerships.
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