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# H. RES. 693

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to  
childhood stroke.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. KILDEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with  
respect to childhood stroke.

Whereas each year stroke occurs in 10 out of 4,000 newborns  
and in 6 out of 100,000 children, and stroke can occur  
before birth;

Whereas 12 percent of children who experience a stroke die  
as a result;

Whereas over half of the children who have a stroke will have  
serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including  
hemiplegia (paralysis of one side of the body), seizures,  
speech and vision problems, and learning difficulties, and  
may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from childhood stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society;

Whereas very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of childhood stroke;

Whereas only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for childhood stroke be identified and developed;

Whereas an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of childhood stroke greatly improves chances for recovery and prevention of recurrence; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to observe May 7, 2006, as Childhood Stroke Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of a Childhood  
3       Stroke Awareness Day; and

4               (2) urges the people of the United States to  
5       support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy  
6       of the Children’s Hemiplegia and Stroke Association  
7       to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.

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