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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer Awareness
Month, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. LATHAM) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer
Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

Whereas countless American families live with prostate cancer;

Whereas 1 in 6 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime;

Whereas over the past decade, prostate cancer has been the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer in the United States;

Whereas prostate cancer has been the second most common cancer killer of American men over the last 10 years;

Whereas over 218,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2007;

Whereas according to the American Cancer Society, 27,000 American men will die of prostate cancer this year;

Whereas 30 percent of new cases of prostate cancer occur in men under the age of 65;

Whereas American men over the age of 50 are particularly susceptible to prostate cancer, and a man in the United States turns 50 years old approximately every 14 seconds;

Whereas African American males suffer a prostate cancer incidence rate up to 65 percent higher than White males;

Whereas a man's risk of developing prostate cancer is doubled if one of his family members already has the disease, and quintupled if two family members have prostate cancer;

Whereas screening procedures such as digital rectal examinations and prostate specific antigen blood tests can diagnose prostate cancer in earlier and more treatable stages, thereby reducing prostate cancer mortality;

Whereas ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

Whereas educating people in the United States—including health care providers—about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men's lives and preserving and protecting families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National

3 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

1 (2) declares that the Federal Government has a
2 responsibility—

3 (A) to raise awareness about the impor-
4 tance of available prostate cancer screening
5 methods and treatment options;

6 (B) to increase research funding that is
7 commensurate with the seriousness of prostate
8 cancer in an effort to improve screening, treat-
9 ments, and cures for the disease; and

10 (C) to implement policy that improves ac-
11 cess to, and the quality of, health care services
12 that detect and treat prostate cancer.

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