

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1053

Recognizing that women are equally affected by colon cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAHLKEMPER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing that women are equally affected by colon cancer.

Whereas in 2009, 54,090 new cases of colorectal cancer occurred in women;

Whereas it is estimated that in 2009, colorectal cancer will cause the deaths of 24,680 women, making it the third leading cancer-related cause of death in women nationwide;

Whereas a common perception exists that colon cancer affects only men and not women;

Whereas screening is allowing more colorectal cancers to be found earlier when the disease is easier to cure;

Whereas obesity more than doubles a woman's risk of developing colon cancer or growths that can lead to colon cancer, making it the leading risk factor for women for the disease;

Whereas healthy women face a lower overall mortality rate
and a decreased risk of cancer recurrence; and

Whereas regular physical activity lowers the risk of colon cancer:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that women are equally affected
3 by colon cancer;

4 (2) urges women to regularly undergo diagnostic
5 screening for colon cancer as recommended by
6 their doctors;

7 (3) recognizes the importance of colon health in
8 women and of detecting colon cancer in its earliest
9 stages; and

10 (4) urges women to exercise regularly and to
11 eat a healthy and well-balanced diet to reduce the
12 risk of colon cancer.

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