111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. RES. 1100

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should expand and intensify programs of research and related activities regarding the population of older individuals living with or at risk for HIV.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 23, 2010

Mr. Carson of Indiana submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas from 2006 through 2007, newly diagnosed cases of HIV increased 25 percent among individuals over the age of 50;

Whereas since 2003, the number of women 50 years of age and older who have been newly diagnosed with HIV has increased 40 percent;

- Whereas individuals over the age of 50 made up 15 percent of newly diagnosed cases of HIV in 2007 and almost 17 percent in the first half of 2008;
- Whereas the number of older individuals with HIV is expected to increase substantially by 2015, with half of all individuals with HIV in the United States being over the age of 50;
- Whereas few physicians are taught to start conversations with their elderly patients about sex or HIV education and are less likely to offer testing to older individuals;
- Whereas the number of newly diagnosed HIV infections in older adults was 12 times higher among Blacks and 5 times higher among Latinos than Whites;
- Whereas data collection should include an emphasis on breaking down age groups, tracking risk factors for infection for older adults, and behavioral data so the National Institutes of Health can better grasp what intervention is necessary or effective; and
- Whereas more clinical research is needed for people over 50 living with or at risk for HIV, as it is imperative to gain a greater understanding about how treatments interact with aging bodies: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 - 2 resentatives that the National Institutes of Health and the
 - 3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should expand
 - 4 and intensify programs of research and related activities
 - 5 regarding the population of older individuals living with
 - 6 or at risk for HIV.