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# H. RES. 1452

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality  
Awareness Month 2010.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2010

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National  
Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2010.

Whereas infant mortality refers to the death of a baby before  
his or her first birthday;

Whereas the United States ranks 29th among industrialized  
nations in the rate of infant mortality;

Whereas premature birth, low-birth weight, and shorter ges-  
tation periods account for more than 60 percent of infant  
deaths in the United States;

Whereas high rates of infant mortality are especially preva-  
lent in communities with large minority populations, high

rates of unemployment and poverty, and limited access to safe housing and medical providers;

Whereas premature birth is a leading cause of infant mortality and, according to the Institute of Medicine, costs the United States more than \$26,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas infant mortality can be substantially reduced through community-based services such as outreach, home visitation, case management, health education, and interconceptional care;

Whereas support for community-based programs to reduce infant mortality can result in lower future spending on medical interventions, special education, and other social services that may be needed for infants and children who are born with a low-birth weight;

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Minority Health, has implemented the “A Healthy Baby Begins With You” campaign;

Whereas the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration has provided national leadership on this issue;

Whereas public awareness and education campaigns on infant mortality are held during the month of September 2010; and

Whereas September 2010 has been designated as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National

3       Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2010;

1           (2) supports efforts to educate Americans about  
2       infant mortality and its contributing factors;

3           (3) supports efforts to reduce infant deaths,  
4       low-birth weight, pre-term births, and disparities in  
5       perinatal outcomes;

6           (4) recognizes the critical importance of includ-  
7       ing efforts to reduce infant mortality and its contrib-  
8       uting factors as part of prevention and wellness  
9       strategies; and

10          (5) calls upon the people of the United States  
11       to observe National Infant Mortality Awareness  
12       Month with appropriate programs and activities.

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