

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 231

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month” and “National DVT Screening Day” and supporting efforts to educate the public about deep vein thrombosis, in memory of former Representative Jennifer Dunn.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2009

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month” and “National DVT Screening Day” and supporting efforts to educate the public about deep vein thrombosis, in memory of former Representative Jennifer Dunn.

Whereas deep vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, typically in the lower leg or thigh, interfering with blood flow;

Whereas the blood clot can embolize, meaning that it can break off and travel through the bloodstream, potentially lodging in the brain, lung, heart, or other organ and causing severe damage;

Whereas deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable medical condition, and pulmonary embolism can be life-threatening;

Whereas deep vein thrombosis occurs in approximately 2,000,000 Americans every year;

Whereas pulmonary embolisms kill more than 300,000 Americans each year, more than breast cancer and AIDS combined;

Whereas fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common preventable cause of hospital death in the United States;

Whereas the risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases;

Whereas pregnant women are 5 times more likely to develop deep vein thrombosis than nonpregnant women, with risk increasing in the third trimester and immediately after delivery;

Whereas former Representative Jennifer Dunn died of a fatal pulmonary embolism on September 5, 2007; and

Whereas the establishment of March as Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month and the second Tuesday of March as National DVT Screening Day, in honor of Jennifer Dunn, would raise public awareness about this life-threatening but preventable condition: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of “Deep Vein  
3       Thrombosis Awareness Month”;

4               (2) supports the goals and ideals of “National  
5       DVT Screening Day”;

- 1           (3) honors the memory of Jennifer Dunn; and
- 2           (4) recognizes the importance of raising aware-
- 3   ness of deep vein thrombosis.

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