112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 1672

To expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS (for herself and Mr. TERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

- To expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Scleroderma Research5 and Awareness Act of 2011".

1SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUS-2CULOSKELETALANDSKINDISEASES;3SCLERODERMA RESEARCH EXPANSION.

4 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 "SEC. 409K. SCLERODERMA RESEARCH.

8 "The Director of NIH may expand, intensify, and co9 ordinate the activities of the National Institutes of Health
10 with respect to scleroderma, with particular emphasis on
11 the following:

12 "(1) Research focused on the etiology of
13 scleroderma and the development of new treatment
14 options.

15 "(2) Clinical research to evaluate new treat-16 ments options.

"(3) Basic research on the relationship between
scleroderma and secondary conditions such as pulmonary hypertension, gastroparesis, Raynaud's phenomenon, Sjögren's Syndrome, and other diseases as
determined by the Director.".

22 SEC. 3. PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF 23 SCLERODERMA.

24 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
25 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
26 the following:

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3 "The Secretary may carry out an educational cam4 paign to increase public awareness of scleroderma. Print,
5 video, and Web-based materials distributed through this
6 campaign may include—

7 "(1) basic information on scleroderma and its8 symptoms; and

9 "(2) information on—

10"(A) the incidence and prevalence of11scleroderma;

12 "(B) diseases and conditions affiliated with13 scleroderma; or

14 "(C) the importance of early diagnosis and15 treatment of scleroderma.".

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