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H. RES. 554

Recognizing the alarming mortality rate of African-American women with breast cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the alarming mortality rate of African-American women with breast cancer.

Whereas serious disparities persist in United States health care today;

Whereas life-saving progress has been made in breast cancer treatment over the last two decades, but we have not seen the same progress in the treatment of African-American breast cancer patients;

Whereas African-American women have a 41 percent higher breast cancer mortality rate than white women in the United States;

Whereas this disparity results in 1,700 additional deaths each year;

Whereas in Los Angeles, a black breast cancer patient is about 70 percent more likely to die from the disease than a white breast cancer patient is likely to die from the disease;

Whereas African-American women are more likely to be diagnosed with later stage breast cancer; and

Whereas African-American women are less likely to be screened for breast cancer and less likely to receive the medical treatment they need to fight breast cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the disparity in treatment rates
3 of African-American breast cancer patients;

4 (2) affirms that this disparity is unacceptable
5 and should be addressed;

6 (3) calls for immediate action to be taken to
7 raise awareness of breast cancer screening for all
8 women in the United States; and

9 (4) calls for immediate action to be taken to ex-
10 pand access to treatment for all breast cancer pa-
11 tients regardless of race.

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