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H. RES. 877

Encouraging each State to enact legislation that increases the likelihood of survival after sudden cardiac arrest in our Nation's schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Encouraging each State to enact legislation that increases the likelihood of survival after sudden cardiac arrest in our Nation's schools.

Whereas the American Red Cross advocates that improved training and access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) could save 50,000 lives each year;

Whereas the average response time to a 911 call is 8 to 12 minutes;

Whereas the likelihood of survival is reduced approximately 10 percent for each minute defibrillation is delayed; and

Whereas sudden cardiac arrest is most effectively treated by combining CPR and defibrillation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) encourages public schools in possession of
3 one or more AEDs to schedule annual AED training
4 for all school personnel, for which staff meetings or
5 in-service days allocated under State law for training
6 programs in emergency first aid and cardiopulmo-
7 nary resuscitation (CPR) may be used;

8 (2) recommends that—

9 (A) the annual AED training may include
10 teaching the use of AEDs and information for
11 school personnel relating to the locations of
12 AEDs, the school's response plan, and the
13 members of the school response team;

14 (B) each public school in possession of one
15 or more AEDs should conduct an annual CPR
16 and AED drill for school personnel to practice
17 the use of these life-saving measures and to
18 evaluate the school's preparedness in the event
19 of a sudden cardiac arrest; and

20 (C) when planning the training and drills,
21 local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools
22 should coordinate with other schools operating
23 training programs, any State-issued rec-
24 ommendations as to the development or usage
25 of appropriate programs, and the American

1 Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmo-
2 nary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardio-
3 vascular Care; and

4 (3) congratulates each State, including Ten-
5 nessee, that has already enacted and implemented
6 such wise and life-saving legislation.

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