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Raising awareness of the lifesaving role of three-dimensional (3D) digital breast tomosynthesis screening in detection and treatment of breast cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAULSEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Raising awareness of the lifesaving role of three-dimensional (3D) digital breast tomosynthesis screening in detection and treatment of breast cancer.

Whereas, in 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved three-dimensional (3D) digital tomosynthesis, a modification of digital mammography that uses a moving x-ray source and a digital detector that allows for the reconstruction of a three-dimensional dataset;

Whereas 3D digital tomosynthesis dramatically improves the imaging of breast lesions and breast cancer by eliminating overlap from surrounding tissues and structures;

Whereas peer-reviewed research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2014 has documented that tomosynthesis used with digital mammography is associated with up to a 41-percent increase in

the detection of invasive cancers and up to a 37-percent drop in patient recalls to have additional breast imaging workup, such as a diagnostic mammogram or a breast ultrasound, due to ambiguous results;

Whereas earlier detection of breast cancers is positively correlated to improved patient survival and outcomes and reduced cost of treatment;

Whereas peer-reviewed research has concluded that broader adoption of this technology presents an opportunity to deliver value-based care to the Medicaid population and to address disparities and barriers to access to preventive care for some of the Nation's most vulnerable citizens;

Whereas while the adoption of 3D tomosynthesis has been growing, 52 percent of United States mammography facilities are still without this lifesaving technology;

Whereas Medicare covers 3D tomosynthesis and it is estimated that at least 86 percent of covered lives in the private insurance market are covered for this technology; and

Whereas the utilization and coverage of 3D tomosynthesis can save lives, improve treatment regimens, and reduce health care costs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) acknowledges the immense value of three-di-
- 3 mensional (3D) digital breast tomosynthesis;
- 4 (2) encourages all Federal health care programs
- 5 to promote access and coverage of this lifesaving
- 6 technology;

1 (3) calls upon all private sector insurers to
2 cover and fairly reimburse for this technology; and

3 (4) supports efforts by the public health com-
4 munity to publicize the merits and availability of 3D
5 digital breast tomosynthesis.

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