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Supporting the designation of March 2017, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of March 2017, as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined in the United States;

Whereas this year, more than 130,000 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 50,000 more will die from it;

Whereas colorectal cancer is one of the most highly preventable forms of cancer because screening tests can find polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous;

Whereas screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that if every individual aged 50 or older had regular screening tests, as many as 60 percent of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for patients with localized colorectal cancer is 90 percent, but only 39 percent of all diagnoses occur at this stage;

Whereas colorectal cancer screenings can effectively reduce colorectal cancer incidence and mortality, yet, 1 in 3 adults between the ages of 50 and 75 are not up to date with recommended colorectal cancer screening;

Whereas public awareness and education campaigns on colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the month of March each year; and

Whereas educational efforts can help provide information to the public of methods of prevention and screening, as well as about symptoms for early detection: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
- 3 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and
- 4 (2) encourages the people of the United States
- 5 to observe the month with appropriate awareness
- 6 and educational activities.

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