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Supporting the designation of March 2018 as Endometriosis Awareness
Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of March 2018 as Endometriosis
Awareness Month.

Whereas endometriosis is a disease in which the type of tissue that normally grows in the uterus (the endometrium) also grows outside of the uterus;

Whereas endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological diseases in women, and occurs in 1 in 10 women of reproductive age;

Whereas endometriosis has no known cure;

Whereas the cause of endometriosis is not known, but risk factors include having a mother, sister, or daughter with endometriosis, periods that started at an early age, monthly cycles that are short, and menstrual cycles that are heavy and last more than seven days;

Whereas the only way currently available to be certain of an endometriosis diagnosis is to have a surgical procedure known as a laparoscopy;

Whereas endometriosis primarily affects women in their 30s and 40s, but can affect any woman who menstruates;

Whereas women experience a delay from three to eleven years between the first symptoms of pain and the final endometriosis diagnosis, which can lead to lower quality of life and high medical costs;

Whereas for many girls and women, endometriosis is a life-long chronic disease that can affect relationships, school and work, fertility, and daily life;

Whereas the primary symptoms of endometriosis include pain and infertility, and many with endometriosis live with debilitating, chronic pain;

Whereas endometriosis is one of the three main causes of female infertility, and between 30 and 50 percent of women with endometriosis experience infertility;

Whereas health care providers must focus on managing the symptoms of endometriosis, which may include IVF, low-dose oral contraceptives, IUDs, pain killers (NSAIDs), and GnRH therapy; and

Whereas there is a need for further research and increased research funding for endometriosis, which could lead to earlier detection and the discovery of the cause of the disease, a reliable, less invasive way to diagnose the disease, more effective ways to manage symptoms, and a cure:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) strongly supports the goals and ideas of
2 Endometriosis Awareness Month;

3 (2) recognizes the need for early detection and
4 treatment of endometriosis, increased education for
5 health care providers, and more culturally competent
6 care;

7 (3) remains committed to supporting and fund-
8 ing endometriosis research for more effective treat-
9 ments, increasing fertility, and, ultimately, a cure;
10 and

11 (4) encourages the people of the United States
12 to observe the month with appropriate awareness
13 and educational activities.

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