

115TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 617

Expressing support for the designation of the third Thursday of November
as “World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the third Thursday
of November as “World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention
Day”.

Whereas, annually, there are estimated to be 2.5 million pres-
sure injuries and 60,000 pressure injury deaths;

Whereas pressure injuries cost \$40,000 to \$150,000 dollars
per patient, and approximately \$9.1 to \$11.6 billion dol-
lars per year in the United States;

Whereas there are approximately 17,000 additional lawsuits
each year as a result of pressure injuries;

Whereas pressure injuries are one of the five most prevalent
harms experienced by patients;

Whereas in long-term acute care settings, 28.2 percent of pa-
tients have pressure injuries;

Whereas in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, approximately 11 percent of patients have documented pressure injuries;

Whereas for acute care settings, 8.8 percent of patients have a pressure injury;

Whereas more than one third of veterans with a spinal cord injury report pressure injuries each year, and those veterans face more than \$77,000 in inpatient costs compared to those without; and

Whereas patients with hospital-acquired pressure injuries increase their length of stay from 4.9 to 11.6 days, adding more than six days of hospitalization, and as a result, these patients are more likely to be readmitted to a hospital: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of “World Wide Pressure Injury Preven-
- 3 tion Day”.

