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H. RES. 211

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of raising public awareness of prostate cancer, and of regular testing and examinations in the fight against prostate cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BASS (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. WYNN, Mr. POMBO, Mr. HORN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. KING, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. BAIRD, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. QUINN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BOYD, Mr. COOK, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. FROST, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. FOSSELLA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of raising public awareness of prostate cancer, and of regular testing and examinations in the fight against prostate cancer.

Whereas nearly 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999, and an estimated 37,000 men will die of the disease;

Whereas prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men and the second leading cause of cancer death among men;

Whereas prostate cancer can often be treated successfully if detected early on, although most symptoms are nonspecific and there are few reliable risk factors;

Whereas education and regular testing and examinations are critical to detecting and treating prostate cancer in a timely manner;

Whereas the American Cancer Society recommends that all men aged 50 and over have annual examinations and tests for prostate cancer, and that African American men and men with family histories of prostate cancer, who are at higher risk for the disease, should consider taking such steps at an earlier age;

Whereas the House of Representatives as an institution, and Members of Congress as individuals, are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the detection and treatment of prostate cancer and to support the fight against prostate cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) all American men should take an active role
4 in the fight against prostate cancer by all the means
5 that are available to them, including regular testing
6 and medical examinations;

1 (2) the role played by national and community
2 organizations and health care providers in promoting
3 awareness of the importance of regular examinations
4 and testing for prostate cancer, and in providing re-
5 lated information, support, and access to services,
6 should be recognized and applauded;

7 (3) the Federal Government has a responsibility
8 to—

9 (A) endeavor to raise awareness about the
10 importance of the early detection of, and proper
11 treatment for, prostate cancer;

12 (B) continue to fund research so that the
13 causes of, and improved treatment for, prostate
14 cancer may be discovered; and

15 (C) continue to consider ways to improve
16 access to, and the quality of, health care serv-
17 ices for detecting and treating prostate cancer.

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