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Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio (for herself and Mr. HALL of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

Whereas an estimated 12,400 children will be diagnosed with cancer in the year 2000;

Whereas cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under age 15;

Whereas an estimated 2,300 children will die from cancer in the year 2000;

Whereas the incidence of cancer among children in the United States is rising by about one percent each year;

Whereas 1 in every 330 Americans develops cancer before age 20;

Whereas approximately 8 percent of deaths of those between 1 and 19 years old are caused by cancer;

Whereas a number of opportunities for childhood cancer research remain unfunded or underfunded;

Whereas limited resources for childhood cancer research hinder the recruitment of investigators and physicians to pediatric oncology;

Whereas peer-reviewed clinical trials are the standard of care for pediatrics and have improved cancer survival rates among children; and

Whereas a recent study indicates that, based on parental reports, 89 percent of children with cancer experienced substantial suffering in the last month of life: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) public and private sector efforts to promote
4 awareness about the incidence of cancer among chil-
5 dren, the signs and symptoms of cancer in children,
6 and treatment options;

7 (2) increased public and private investment in
8 childhood cancer research to improve prevention, di-
9 agnosis, treatment, and long-term survival;

10 (3) policies that provide incentives to encourage
11 medical trainees and investigators to enter the field
12 of pediatric oncology;

13 (4) policies that provide incentives to encourage
14 the development of drugs and biologics designed to
15 treat pediatric cancers;

- 1 (5) policies that encourage participation in clin-
- 2 ical trials; and
- 3 (6) medical education curricula designed to im-
- 4 prove pain management for cancer patients.

