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# H. CON. RES. 186

Expressing the sense of Congress that the proposed recommendations of the National Public Health Initiative on Diabetes and Women's Health should be funded and implemented by the appropriate agencies and organizations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2003

Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. SLAUGHTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the proposed recommendations of the National Public Health Initiative on Diabetes and Women's Health should be funded and implemented by the appropriate agencies and organizations.

Whereas diabetes is the fastest-growing major disease in the United States, increasing by 61 percent from 1990 through 2001;

Whereas diabetes can result in serious, deadly complications and reduces life expectancy by 15 years;

Whereas diabetes costs the United States over \$132 billion annually;

Whereas 1 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year;

Whereas more than half of all diabetes cases, an estimated 9.1 million cases, occur among women;

Whereas women with diabetes are at significantly higher risk of heart disease than women without diabetes;

Whereas women with diabetes who are diagnosed with heart disease have lower survival rates than men with diabetes who are diagnosed with heart disease;

Whereas the death rate for women aged 25 to 44 with diabetes is more than 3 times the rate for those without diabetes;

Whereas type 2 diabetes is being diagnosed more frequently among youth of all racial and ethnic groups and is more commonly diagnosed in girls than boys;

Whereas eating disorders are higher among young women with type 1 diabetes than among young women in the general population;

Whereas women from communities of color are the demographic group most affected by type 2 diabetes;

Whereas women with gestational diabetes have a 20 to 50 percent chance of developing type 2 diabetes in the next 5 to 10 years; and

Whereas women face increasing risk of diabetes and its complications because of certain social and economic trends including a growing number of women facing poverty, weight issues and obesity, unemployment, limited opportunities for physical activity, lack of health insurance, and limited access to health care: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the pro-  
3 posed recommendations of the National Public Health Ini-  
4 tiative on Diabetes and Women's Health should be funded  
5 and implemented by the appropriate agencies and organi-  
6 zations.

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