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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Thoracic Society, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the society to continue its guidance on lung-related health issues to the peoples of the United States and of the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Thoracic Society, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the society to continue its guidance on lung-related health issues to the peoples of the United States and of the world.

Whereas in 1905, Drs. Brown, Dunhan, and King, leaders in the fight in the United States against tuberculosis, created the American Sanatorium Association, an organization dedicated to the improvement of tuberculosis care and treatment at tuberculosis sanatoriums in the United States;

Whereas in 1939, the name of the American Sanatorium Association was changed to the American Trudeau Society, honoring Edward Livingston Trudeau and recognizing

the growing scientific interest and the study of lung diseases beyond tuberculosis, and in 1960 the American Trudeau Society became the American Thoracic Society in keeping with the evolution of the medical specialty area from phthisiology to pulmonology; that is, from tuberculosis to the whole range of respiratory disorders;

Whereas in 1917, to fulfill its mission as a scientific society, the American Sanatorium Association began the publication of an academic journal, the American Review of Tuberculosis, a text that carried articles on the classification of the tuberculosis, diagnostic standards, and related topics on the diagnosis, treatment, cure and prevention of tuberculosis, and in the following years, the journal was renamed the American Review of Respiratory Disease, and finally, the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine;

Whereas in 1989, the American Thoracic Society began the American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology to recognize the contribution of basic research to the field of respiratory medicine;

Whereas the American Thoracic Society hosts the largest global scientific meeting dedicated to highlighting and disseminating research findings and clinical advances in the prevention, detection, treatment, and the cure of respiratory diseases;

Whereas the American Thoracic Society continues to meet its clinical and scientific mission through its publication of academic journals and clinical statements on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and the cure of respiratory-related disorders, and through providing continuing medical education in respiratory medicine; and

Whereas the American Thoracic Society has a long tradition of working in collaboration with the Federal Government to improve the respiratory health of all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the scientific, clinical, and public
3 health achievements of the American Thoracic Soci-
4 ety as its members and staff commemorate and cele-
5 brate the milestone of its 100th anniversary;

6 (2) recognizes the great impact that the Amer-
7 ican Thoracic Society has had on improving the
8 lung-related health problems of people in the United
9 States and around the world; and

10 (3) congratulates the American Thoracic Soci-
11 ety for its achievements and trusts that the organi-
12 zation will continue to offer scientific guidance on
13 lung-related health issues to improve the public
14 health of future generations.

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