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# H. RES. 672

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer Awareness  
Month, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. LATHAM) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer  
Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

Whereas countless American families live with prostate cancer;

Whereas 1 in 6 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime;

Whereas over the past decade, prostate cancer has been the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer in the United States;

Whereas prostate cancer has been the second most common cancer killer of American men over the last 10 years;

Whereas over 218,000 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2007;

Whereas according to the American Cancer Society, 27,000 American men will die of prostate cancer this year;

Whereas 30 percent of new cases of prostate cancer occur in men under the age of 65;

Whereas American men over the age of 50 are particularly susceptible to prostate cancer, and a man in the United States turns 50 years old approximately every 14 seconds;

Whereas African American males suffer a prostate cancer incidence rate up to 65 percent higher than White males;

Whereas a man's risk of developing prostate cancer is doubled if one of his family members already has the disease, and quintupled if two family members have prostate cancer;

Whereas screening procedures such as digital rectal examinations and prostate specific antigen blood tests can diagnose prostate cancer in earlier and more treatable stages, thereby reducing prostate cancer mortality;

Whereas ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

Whereas educating people in the United States—including health care providers—about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men's lives and preserving and protecting families: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National

3       Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

1           (2) declares that the Federal Government has a  
2       responsibility—

3           (A) to raise awareness about the impor-  
4       tance of available prostate cancer screening  
5       methods and treatment options;

6           (B) to increase research funding that is  
7       commensurate with the seriousness of prostate  
8       cancer in an effort to improve screening, treat-  
9       ments, and cures for the disease; and

10          (C) to implement policy that improves ac-  
11       cess to, and the quality of, health care services  
12       that detect and treat prostate cancer.

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