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Recognizing the severity of the disease of colon cancer, the preventable nature of the disease, and the need for education in the areas of prevention and early detection, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mr. SANFORD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the severity of the disease of colon cancer, the preventable nature of the disease, and the need for education in the areas of prevention and early detection, and for other purposes.

Whereas colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States for men and women combined;

Whereas it is estimated that in 1999, 129,400 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in men and women in the United States;

Whereas the disease is expected to kill 56,600 individuals in this country in 1999;

Whereas adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer;

Whereas research has shown that a high fiber, low fat diet, with minimal amounts of red meat and maximum amounts of fruits and vegetables, can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer;

Whereas colorectal cancer is increasingly diagnosed in individuals below age 50;

Whereas regular screenings can save large numbers of lives;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Care Financing Administration, and the National Cancer Institute have initiated the Screen for Life Campaign, targeted at individuals age 50 and older, to spread the message of the importance of colorectal cancer screening tests; and

Whereas education can help inform the public of methods of prevention and symptoms of early detection: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes—

4 (A) the severity of the issue of colorectal
5 cancer;

6 (B) the preventable nature of the disease;

7 (C) the importance of the Screen for Life
8 Campaign; and

9 (2) calls on health educators, elected officials,
10 and the people of the United States—

- 1 (A) to broaden the message of the Screen
- 2 for Life Campaign to reach all individuals; and
- 3 (B) to learn about colorectal cancer and its
- 4 preventive nature, and learn to recognize the
- 5 risk factors and symptoms which enable early
- 6 detection and treatment.

