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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BASS (for himself, Ms. DUNN, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. JENKINS, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BERRY, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. COX, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

Whereas an estimated 175,000 women and 1,300 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999, and an estimated 43,300 women and 400 men will die of the disease;

Whereas breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, excluding skin cancers;

Whereas breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among all women and the leading cause of cancer death among women between ages 40 and 55;

Whereas breast cancer can often be treated most successfully if detected early on;

Whereas education, regular clinical and self-examinations, regular mammograms, and biopsies (when appropriate) are critical to detecting and treating breast cancer in a timely manner;

Whereas the American Cancer Society recommends that all women aged 40 and over have annual screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations by health professionals, that women aged 20 to 39 have clinical examinations every three years, and that all women aged 20 and over perform a breast self-examination every month; and

Whereas the House of Representatives as an institution and Members of Congress as individuals are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the detection and treatment of breast cancer and to support the fight against breast cancer: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) all Americans, and above all women, should
4 take an active role in the fight against breast cancer
5 by using all the means available to them, including
6 regular clinical and self-examinations, regular mam-
7 mograms, and biopsies (when appropriate);

8 (2) the role played by national and community
9 organizations and health care providers in promoting

1 awareness of the importance of regular clinical and
2 self-examinations, regular mammograms, and biop-
3 sies (when appropriate), and in providing informa-
4 tion, support, and access to services, should be rec-
5 ognized and applauded; and

6 (3) the Federal Government has a responsibility
7 to—

8 (A) endeavor to raise awareness about the
9 importance of the early detection of, and proper
10 treatment for, breast cancer;

11 (B) continue to fund research so that the
12 causes of, and improved treatment for, breast
13 cancer may be discovered; and

14 (C) continue to consider ways to improve
15 access to, and the quality of, health care serv-
16 ices for detecting and treating breast cancer.

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