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H. RES. 642

To honor Drs. Eric R. Kandel and Paul Greengard for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, and Mrs. MALONEY of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

To honor Drs. Eric R. Kandel and Paul Greengard for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000, and for other purposes.

Whereas on October 9, 2000, the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000 to Drs. Eric R. Kandel and Paul Greengard for their pioneering discoveries in the field of neuroscience;

Whereas such discoveries have been crucial for achieving a fuller understanding of the normal function of the brain and the mechanisms by which brain cells communicate with each other at the molecular level to create moods and memories in individuals;

Whereas the World Health Organization has found that 4 of the 10 leading causes of disability for persons age 5 and older are mental disorders;

Whereas schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, Alzheimer's disease, and other mental disorders affect nearly 1 in 5 people in the United States each year;

Whereas the work of Drs. Kandel and Greengard has laid a foundation for the development of drugs and other treatments for mental illnesses and neurological disorders that promise to be more effective and to have fewer or less acute side effects; and

Whereas the National Institutes of Health contributed to advances in the field of neuroscience by providing grants and research support to Drs. Kandel and Greengard for a period exceeding 30 years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes and honors Drs. Eric R. Kandel
3 and Paul Greengard for their cumulative achieve-
4 ments in advancing scientific understanding in the
5 field of neuroscience;

6 (2) expresses support for the ongoing efforts of
7 the National Institutes of Health to fund and assist
8 researchers in developing treatments for mental ill-
9 nesses and neurological disorders; and

10 (3) expresses support for efforts to promote
11 mental health for all people in the United States
12 through advances in science and overcoming societal

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- 1 attitudes, fears, and misunderstandings concerning
- 2 mental illness.

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