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Expressing the sense of the Congress that all people in the United States should take an active role in the fight against Huntington's disease, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that all people in the United States should take an active role in the fight against Huntington's disease, and for other purposes.

Whereas about 30,000 people in the United States suffer from Huntington's disease;

Whereas there are about 200,000 individuals in the United States who, as children of a parent with Huntington's disease, have a 50 percent risk of inheriting the disease;

Whereas Huntington's disease results from a genetically programmed degeneration of nerve cells in certain parts of the brain;

Whereas this degeneration causes uncontrolled movements, loss of intellectual faculties, and emotional disturbances;

Whereas presymptomatic testing is available for those with a family history of Huntington’s disease, and medication is available to help control symptoms, yet there is no treatment to stop or reverse the course of the disease; and

Whereas the Congress as an institution, and Members of the Congress as individuals, are in unique positions to help raise public awareness about the need for increased funding for research, detection, and treatment of Huntington’s disease and to support the fight against this disease: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) all people in the United States should take
4 an active role in the fight against Huntington’s dis-
5 ease by any means available to them, including being
6 aware of their own family histories, being aware of
7 genetic testing for the disease, and advocating on be-
8 half of families with Huntington’s disease in their
9 communities and States;

10 (2) the role played by national and community
11 organizations and health care providers in promoting
12 awareness about Huntington’s disease should be rec-
13 ognized and applauded; and

14 (3) the Federal Government has a responsibility
15 to—

16 (A) raise awareness about the detection
17 and treatment of Huntington’s disease; and

- 1 (B) increase funding for research on Hun-
- 2 tington's disease so that a cure may be found.

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