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# H. RES. 20

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to polio.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on International Relations, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas polio has caused millions of casualties through history, paralyzing millions and killing untold numbers of others;

Whereas polio remains a public health threat in today's world, despite being easily preventable by vaccination;

Whereas polio is now limited to 10 countries, with the distinct possibility that it can be once and forever extinguished as an affliction on mankind by ensuring the vaccination of all children in these countries under the age of 5;

Whereas a Global Polio Eradication Initiative exists that seeks to once and forever end polio as an illness, which includes efforts underway by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas the United States has the capacity to act to speed the eradication of polio by assisting in the targeting of its few remaining reservoirs: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) expresses serious concern about the con-  
3       tinuing menace posed by polio;

4               (2) implores the United Nations and its compo-  
5       nent agencies, the private sector, private voluntary  
6       organizations and non-governmental organizations,  
7       concerned States, and international financial institu-  
8       tions to act with haste and manifold dedication to  
9       eradicate polio as soon as possible; and

10              (3) calls upon the executive branch to provide  
11       the necessary human and material resources to end  
12       the scourge of polio once and for all, including close-  
13       ly monitoring laboratory stocks of the polio virus.

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