

109TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 178

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Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

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Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a serious lung disorder causing progressive, incurable lung scarring;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is one of about 200 disorders called interstitial lung diseases;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of interstitial lung disease;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive scarring of the lungs, causing an irreversible loss of the lung tissue's ability to transport oxygen;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing disability or death within a few short years;

Whereas there is no proven cause of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

Whereas approximately 83,000 United States citizens have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and 31,000 new cases are diagnosed each year;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed;

Whereas the median survival rate for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients is 2 to 3 years, and about two thirds of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients die within 5 years; and

Whereas a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed disorder: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes the need to pursue research into
4 the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for id-
5 iopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

6 (2) supports the work of advocates and organi-
7 zations in educating, supporting, and providing hope
8 for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary

1 fibrosis, including efforts to organize a National Idi-
2 opathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;

3 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate
4 week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
5 Awareness Week;

6 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-
7 mation designating a National Idiopathic Pulmonary
8 Fibrosis Awareness Week;

9 (5) congratulates advocates and organizations
10 for their efforts to educate the public about idio-
11 pathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research to
12 help find a cure for this disorder; and

13 (6) supports the goals and ideals of National
14 Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.

Passed the House of Representatives September 29,
2005.

Attest:

Clerk.