

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 178

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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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. HALL, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. PICKERING) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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 the Coalition for Pul-  
7            monary Fibrosis and its partner organizations for  
8            their great efforts to educate, support, and provide

1 hope for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pul-  
2 monary fibrosis, including the work of the Coalition  
3 to organize a national “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibro-  
4 sis Awareness Week”;

5 (3) supports the designation of an appropriate  
6 week as “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness  
7 Week”;

8 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-  
9 mation designating a national “Idiopathic Pul-  
10 monary Fibrosis Awareness Week”;

11 (5) congratulates the Coalition for Pulmonary  
12 Fibrosis for its efforts to educate the public about  
13 idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research  
14 to help find a cure for this disorder; and

15 (6) supports the goals and ideals of a national  
16 “Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week”.

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