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# H. R. 987

To provide funding for programs at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences regarding breast cancer in younger women, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. COOPER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. McCARTHY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. WEINER, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. McINTYRE, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Annie Fox Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Breast cancer is a serious health concern  
2           for all women, striking more women in the world  
3           than any other type of cancer other than skin can-  
4           cer.

5           (2) In the past 50 years, women's lifetime risk  
6           of breast cancer has nearly tripled in the United  
7           States.

8           (3) Despite notable progress in efforts to ex-  
9           pand knowledge of breast cancer and its causes,  
10          there is still much to learn, and financial resources  
11          are needed to accomplish this goal.

12          (4) Broadening the scope of current research to  
13          include underrepresented populations, in particular  
14          women who are 15 to 40 years of age, is necessary  
15          to have a comprehensive understanding of breast  
16          cancer and the long-term health effects of cancer  
17          treatments on younger women.

18          (5) Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer  
19          death in women who are 15 to 40 years of age.

20          (6) Approximately 11,000 women under the age  
21          of 40 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year,  
22          of which nearly 1,300 will die.

23          (7) There are nearly 250,000 women in the  
24          United States under the age of 40 currently living  
25          with breast cancer.

1           (8) Breast cancer tends to be more aggressive  
2       in younger women than in their post-menopausal  
3       counterparts due to the lack of appropriate diag-  
4       nostic tools and screening devices, and inadequate  
5       education about the disease among younger women  
6       and the medical community.

7           (9) Because younger women's cancers are gen-  
8       erally more aggressive, they typically have lower sur-  
9       vival rates than their post-menopausal counterparts.

10          (10) Younger women with breast cancer are  
11       confronted with many issues that their post-meno-  
12       pausal counterparts do not face, including the possi-  
13       bility of early menopause, pregnancy after diagnosis,  
14       generally more advanced cancers at diagnosis, and  
15       higher mortality rates.

16          (11) Younger women are virtually excluded  
17       from breast cancer studies, most of which are con-  
18       ducted on women over the age of 45.

19 **SEC. 3. PROGRAMS AT NIEHS REGARDING BREAST CANCER**  
20 **IN YOUNGER WOMEN.**

21       Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health  
22       Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285l et seq.; relating to the Na-  
23       tional Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) is  
24       amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “PROGRAMS REGARDING BREAST CANCER IN YOUNGER  
2 WOMEN

3 “SEC. 463C. (a) EXPANSION AND COORDINATION OF  
4 ACTIVITIES.—The Director of the Institute shall expand,  
5 intensify, and coordinate the activities of the Institute re-  
6 garding breast cancer in younger women.

7 “(b) RESEARCH.—In carrying out subsection (a), the  
8 Director of the Institute shall provide for an expansion  
9 and intensification of the conduct and support of basic and  
10 clinical research on the causes, prevention, detection,  
11 treatment, and long-term effects of breast cancer in  
12 younger women, including the long-term effects of treat-  
13 ment.

14 “(c) INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.—In carrying  
15 out subsection (a), the Director of the Institute shall pro-  
16 vide for an expansion and intensification of the conduct  
17 and support of information and education programs for  
18 health professionals and the public regarding breast can-  
19 cer in younger women.

20 “(d) REPORTS.—The Director of the Institute shall  
21 prepare, for inclusion in the biennial report submitted  
22 under section 407, a report that includes a description of  
23 the activities of the Institute under this section, and such  
24 other comments and recommendations regarding breast

1 cancer in younger women as the Director considers appro-  
2 priate.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
4 purpose of expanding, intensifying, and coordinating ac-  
5 tivities regarding breast cancer in younger women under  
6 this section, there are authorized to be appropriated  
7 \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2011,  
8 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2012  
9 through 2016. Such authorizations of appropriations are  
10 in addition to any other authorizations of appropriations  
11 available for such purpose.”.

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