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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to raise the awareness of alopecia areata.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. TIERNEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to raise the awareness of alopecia areata.

Whereas alopecia areata is a common autoimmune skin disease resulting in the loss of hair on the scalp and elsewhere on the body;

Whereas alopecia areata is a common but very challenging and capricious disease affecting approximately 2 percent of the American population, amounting to more than 4.7 million people in the United States;

Whereas, with alopecia areata, the affected hair follicles are mistakenly attacked by a person's immune system, resulting in the loss of hair;

Whereas, although not life-threatening, alopecia areata is most certainly life-altering, and its sudden onset, recur-

rent episodes, and unpredictable course have a serious effect on a person's life and functional status at work, school, and everyday life; and

Whereas because much of the public is not familiar with alopecia areata, the reaction of the public to the disease can have a profound psychological impact on the lives of those disrupted by this disease: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that an appropriate week should be des-
- 3 ignated as National Alopecia Areata Awareness Week.

