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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 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 more than 128,000 United States citizens have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and more than 48,000 new cases are diagnosed each year representing a 156-percent increase in mortality since 2001;
- Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or under diagnosed;
- Whereas the median survival rate for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients is 2 to 3 years; about two-thirds of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients die within 5 years; and approximately 40,000 patients die each year; and
- Whereas a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and under diagnosed disorder as well as all incarnations of pulmonary fibrosis: 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

1	for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary
2	fibrosis, including efforts to organize a National Idi-
3	opathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;
4	(3) supports the designation of an appropriate
5	week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
6	Awareness Week;
7	(4) welcomes the issuance of a proclamation
8	designating a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibro-
9	sis Awareness Week;
10	(5) congratulates advocates and organizations
11	for their efforts to educate the public about idio-
12	pathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research to
13	help find a cure for this disorder; and
14	(6) supports the goals and ideals of National
15	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.
	Passed the House of Representatives October 16,
	2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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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.