

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 182

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

JULY 12, 2007

Mr. DEAL of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. GINGREY, and Mr. MILLER of North Carolina) 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 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.

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