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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 pathic 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: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*