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H. CON. RES. 268

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of, and additional research relating to, scleroderma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. LYNCH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas an estimated 300,000 Americans have scleroderma, a chronic autoimmune disease that affects the skin, joints, and often times the internal organs, including the heart, kidneys, lungs, and gastrointestinal tract;

Whereas scleroderma is difficult to diagnose due to the similarity of its symptoms to those of other autoimmune diseases;

Whereas like other autoimmune diseases, scleroderma affects primarily women, ages 25 to 55, though men and children are also affected;

Whereas the cause of scleroderma is unknown and scleroderma has no known cure;

Whereas Federal funding for scleroderma research has remained level at only approximately \$11,000,000 for the past 4 fiscal years; and

Whereas the Federal government, public and private organizations, health care providers, and the medical community are striving to work together more closely in order to improve the quality of life of people affected by scleroderma: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a commemorative postage stamp to promote
5 public awareness of, and additional research relating
6 to, scleroderma; and

7 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of
8 the United States Postal Service should recommend
9 to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be
10 issued.

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