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# H. CON. RES. 158

Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer.

Whereas more than 2,000,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year;

Whereas the most common types of cancer in the United States are nonmelanoma skin cancer, breast cancer in women, prostate cancer in men, lung cancer, and colorectal cancers;

Whereas one out of every eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime;

Whereas incidence of breast cancer in young women is much lower than in older women, and young women's breast cancers are generally more aggressive and result in lower survival rates;

Whereas breast cancer currently takes the life of one woman in the United States every 13 minutes;

Whereas in 2009, 192,370 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer;

Whereas there is currently no known cure for metastatic breast cancer;

Whereas many oncologists and breast cancer researchers believe that a cure for breast cancer will not be discovered until well into the future, if such a cure is possible at all;

Whereas prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men, with over 80 percent of all cases occurring in men over age 65;

Whereas African-American men are diagnosed with the disease at later stages and die of prostate cancer more often than do white men;

Whereas in 2009, 192,280 men in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer;

Whereas if detected early enough, over three-quarters of those who develop cancer could be saved;

Whereas greater annual awareness of the critical necessity of the early detection of breast cancer and other cancers will not only save tens of thousands of lives but also greatly reduce the financial strain on government and private health care services by detecting cancer before it requires very expensive medical treatment and protocols;

Whereas there is a need for enhanced public awareness of cancer screening; and

Whereas the designation of an Early Detection Month will enhance public awareness of breast cancer and all other forms of cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress supports the designation  
3 of an Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness  
4 of screening for breast cancer and all other forms of can-  
5 cer.

