

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1053

Recognizing that women are equally affected by colon cancer.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAHLKEMPER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing that women are equally affected by colon cancer.

Whereas in 2009, 54,090 new cases of colorectal cancer occurred in women;

Whereas it is estimated that in 2009, colorectal cancer will cause the deaths of 24,680 women, making it the third leading cancer-related cause of death in women nationwide;

Whereas a common perception exists that colon cancer affects only men and not women;

Whereas screening is allowing more colorectal cancers to be found earlier when the disease is easier to cure;

Whereas obesity more than doubles a woman's risk of developing colon cancer or growths that can lead to colon cancer, making it the leading risk factor for women for the disease;

Whereas healthy women face a lower overall mortality rate and a decreased risk of cancer recurrence; and

Whereas regular physical activity lowers the risk of colon cancer: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) recognizes that women are equally affected  
3       by colon cancer;

4           (2) urges women to regularly undergo diag-  
5       nostic screening for colon cancer as recommended by  
6       their doctors;

7           (3) recognizes the importance of colon health in  
8       women and of detecting colon cancer in its earliest  
9       stages; and

10          (4) urges women to exercise regularly and to  
11       eat a healthy and well-balanced diet to reduce the  
12       risk of colon cancer.

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