

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

# H. RES. 1449

Supporting the observance of Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month and recognizing and applauding the work of national and community thyroid cancer organizations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK (for herself and Mrs. CAPP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the observance of Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month and recognizing and applauding the work of national and community thyroid cancer organizations.

Whereas thyroid cancer is the most common endocrine cancer;

Whereas there are several types of thyroid cancer, including papillary, follicular, medullary, anaplastic, and variants;

Whereas thyroid cancer occurs in every age group, from children through seniors;

Whereas nearly 2 out of 3 thyroid cancer patients are between the ages of 20 and 55;

Whereas thyroid cancer occurs approximately three times more often in women than in men;

Whereas the American Cancer Society estimates that there are approximately 37,000 new cases of thyroid cancer in the United States each year, 27,000 in women and 10,000 in men;

Whereas an estimated 1,630 Americans, 940 women and 690 men, died of thyroid cancer in 2009;

Whereas family history, gender, age, and prior exposure of the thyroid gland to radiation are all factors associated with thyroid cancer risk;

Whereas thyroid cancer symptoms can include a lump or nodule in the front of the neck, hoarseness or difficulty speaking, swollen lymph nodes, difficulty swallowing or breathing, and pain in the throat or neck;

Whereas an individual with any such symptoms should consult a physician;

Whereas most thyroid cancer cases are now diagnosed much earlier than in the past and can be treated successfully;

Whereas national organizations that work to raise awareness and provide detailed information on thyroid cancer include the American Cancer Society, the Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, the American Thyroid Association, and the National Cancer Institute;

Whereas greater awareness and early detection of thyroid cancer can improve and save the lives of thousands of people in the United States each year; and

Whereas observing Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month during the month of September provides a special opportunity to enhance thyroid cancer awareness and to highlight the importance of consulting a physician when symptoms of thyroid cancer occur: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the observance of Thyroid Cancer  
3       Awareness Month in order to enhance thyroid cancer  
4       awareness and encourage early detection; and

5               (2) recognizes and applauds national and com-  
6       munity thyroid cancer organizations for their work  
7       in promoting awareness, providing information and  
8       education, and providing support to those who have  
9       thyroid cancer or are thyroid cancer survivors.

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