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H. RES. 1488

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness
Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. ISSA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer
Awareness Month.

Whereas ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic
cancers;

Whereas ovarian cancer is the 5th leading cause of cancer
deaths among women in the United States;

Whereas more than 22,000 women will be diagnosed with
ovarian cancer this year;

Whereas more than 15,000 women will die from ovarian can-
cer;

Whereas those deaths are those of our mothers, sisters,
daughters, family members, and community leaders;

Whereas the mortality rate for ovarian cancer has not significantly decreased since the “War on Cancer” was declared, nearly 40 years ago;

Whereas all women are at risk for ovarian cancer, and 90 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer do not have a family history that puts them at higher risk;

Whereas the Pap test is sensitive and specific to the early detection of cervical cancer, but not to ovarian cancer;

Whereas there is currently no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer;

Whereas many people are unaware that the symptoms of ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary symptoms, and several other symptoms that are easily confused with other diseases;

Whereas, in June 2007, the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember them;

Whereas, due to the lack of a reliable early detection test, 75 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage, making the overall 5-year survival rate only 45 percent;

Whereas certain factors are known to reduce the risk for ovarian cancer and play an important role in the prevention of the disease;

Whereas awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer by women and health care providers can lead to an earlier diagnosis;

Whereas, each year during the month of September, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and its partner members hold a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer; and

Whereas September 2010 should be designated as “National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month” to increase the awareness of the public regarding the cancer: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Aware-
- 3 ness Month.

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