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H. RES. 35

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives relating to automated external defibrillator (AED) training in the Nation's schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. ROE of Tennessee) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the American Red Cross advocates that improved training and access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) could save 50,000 lives each year;

Whereas the average response time to a 911 call is 8 to 12 minutes;

Whereas the likelihood of survival is reduced approximately 10 percent for each minute defibrillation is delayed; and

Whereas sudden cardiac arrest is most effectively treated by combining CPR and defibrillation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) public schools in possession of one or more
4 AEDs should schedule annual AED training for all
5 school personnel, for which staff meetings or in-serv-
6 ice days allocated under State law for training pro-
7 grams in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary
8 resuscitation (CPR) may be used;

9 (2) such public schools should consider includ-
10 ing in such annual AED training instruction on the
11 use of AEDs and information for school personnel
12 relating to the locations of AEDs, the school's re-
13 sponse plan, and the members of the school response
14 team;

15 (3) each public school in possession of one or
16 more AEDs should conduct an annual CPR and
17 AED drill for school personnel to practice the use of
18 these life-saving measures and to evaluate the
19 school's preparedness in the event of a sudden car-
20 diac arrest; and

21 (4) when planning the training and drills, local
22 educational agencies (LEAs) and schools should co-
23 ordinate with other schools operating training pro-
24 grams, any State-issued recommendations as to the
25 development or usage of appropriate programs, and

1 the American Heart Association Guidelines for
2 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Car-
3 diovascular Care.

