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Expressing support for the designation of a “Women’s Health Research Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of a “Women’s Health Research Day”.

Whereas women constitute 50.8 percent of Americans;

Whereas women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and age groups experience many diseases and disorders differently than men;

Whereas the incidence, prevalence, symptomology, and severity of disease may differ between men and women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and age groups;

Whereas women and men have fundamental biological differences;

Whereas women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and age groups vary in the risks and benefits of medical therapies;

Whereas for many years, women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and age groups were underrepresented in biomedical and clinical research;

Whereas the improvement of women’s health relies on sex- and gender-based biomedical and clinical research;

Whereas the promise of individualized medicine cannot be realized without sex- and gender-based parity in research;

Whereas, on January 25, 2016, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) implemented a policy requiring federally funded investigators to consider sex as a biological variable in preclinical research; and

Whereas this policy ushered in a new era of inclusivity and parity in women’s health research: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of a
3 “Women’s Health Research Day”; and

4 (2) supports efforts to—

5 (A) recognize the importance of biomedical
6 and clinical research to women’s health and
7 well-being to advancing human health;

8 (B) increase awareness of the value of sex-
9 and gender-based biomedical research; and

10 (C) encourage individuals, including re-
11 searchers and patients, to advocate on behalf of
12 sex- and gender-inclusive research across races,

- 1 ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and age
- 2 groups.

