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**Representatives Hill, Stinziano**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the United States Congress to increase 1  
federal funding for research and development 2  
involving advanced medical technology used in the 3  
treatment of type 1 diabetes. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, More than one million Americans have been 5  
diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, also 6  
known as type 1 diabetes; and 7

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is a disease that frequently 8  
strikes children suddenly, makes them dependent on insulin 9  
for life, and carries the constant threat of life-threatening 10  
complications; and 11

WHEREAS, The number of diagnoses of type 1 diabetes is 12  
growing at an alarming rate; and 13

WHEREAS, The cost of type 1 diabetes, including medical 14  
expenses and lost productivity, is billions of dollars per 15  
year; and 16

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is a leading cause of 17  
blindness, kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, and 18

death; and 19

WHEREAS, Medical and technological advances in the 20  
development of the closed-loop insulin delivery system, or 21  
"artificial pancreas," and in the development of islet cell 22  
transplantation therapy have created meaningful and realistic 23  
pathways to a cure of type 1 diabetes; and 24

WHEREAS, Adequate federal funding for research and 25  
development involving the closed-loop system and islet cell 26  
transplantation will result in positive medical outcomes for 27  
millions of Americans who are affected by type 1 diabetes 28  
and, thereby, ameliorate widespread human suffering and 29  
preserve billions of dollars in taxpayer funds; and 30

WHEREAS, Current levels of funding designated for the 31  
efforts of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 32  
advancing the technology associated with the closed-loop 33  
system and islet cell transplantation are inadequate, and an 34  
increase in funding for NIH's efforts will expedite the 35  
refining of and access to these important medical treatments 36  
and procedures; now therefore be it 37

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 38  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 39  
urge the Congress of the United States to increase NIH 40  
funding levels for research in and development of the closed- 41  
loop system and islet cell transplantation so that those who 42  
are suffering from type 1 diabetes will have expedited access 43  
to such technology, thus enhancing health care while saving 44  
billions of dollars in health care costs and lost 45  
productivity; and be it further 46

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 47  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 48  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 49  
Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of 50

the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio 51  
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 52