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Supporting increased awareness of sepsis and the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate intervention.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. GUTHRIE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting increased awareness of sepsis and the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate intervention.

Whereas sepsis is a medical condition resulting from an immune system response to an infection;

Whereas this overwhelming response to infection can rapidly lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death;

Whereas over 1.7 million individuals in the United States develop sepsis each year;

Whereas over 270,000 individuals in the United States die from sepsis each year, more than from prostate cancer, breast cancer, and HIV/AIDS combined;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in three patients who die in a hospital have sepsis;

Whereas according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, sepsis is the most common diagnosis for inpatient hospital stays in the United States;

Whereas sepsis is the most expensive condition treated in hospitals in the United States, consuming over \$24 billion each year;

Whereas sepsis is the number one cause of hospital readmissions, generating over \$2 billion in costs annually;

Whereas over 80 percent of septic patients are septic upon admission to the hospital;

Whereas mortality from sepsis increases by up to eight percent for every hour that treatment is delayed;

Whereas rapid diagnosis and treatment can prevent up to 80 percent of sepsis fatalities; and

Whereas the combination of early detection of sepsis and appropriate interventions can significantly improve the chances of survival for patients with all types of sepsis:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) is committed to increasing awareness of
3 sepsis and encouraging the education of patients,
4 families, health care professionals, and government
5 agencies on the critical importance of early diagnosis
6 as the key for patients to survive sepsis; and

7 (2) supports innovative public-private partner-
8 ships and the pursuit of innovative financing tools,
9 incentives, and other mechanisms to accelerate the

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- 1 pursuit of improved early detection and appropriate
- 2 intervention for patients with sepsis.

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