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H. RES. 1679

Expressing support for designation of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas childhood cancer is the leading cause of death in children under the age of 20, killing more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS combined;

Whereas more than 12,400 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer each year and 35 children are diagnosed each day;

Whereas 2,500 children a year will not survive their illness;

Whereas studies and drug development specific to childhood cancers remain underfunded;

Whereas for every \$6 in Federal research per AIDS patient and every \$1 per patient with breast cancer, a child with cancer receives only 30 cents;

Whereas since 1980, only one new drug has been approved for the treatment of childhood cancer, compared with 50 that have been approved for adults;

Whereas 3 out of 5 survivors will suffer life-long side effects, including heart damage, second cancers, lung damage, infertility, cognitive impairment, growth deficits, hearing loss, and more;

Whereas the American Childhood Cancer Organization is recognized for its advocacy of childhood cancer awareness;

Whereas the St. Baldrick's Foundation is recognized for its endless efforts to raise money for childhood cancer research;

Whereas Curesearch is recognized for its advocacy and research for childhood cancer;

Whereas the Make a Wish Foundation is recognized for its efforts in providing support through granting wishes to children suffering from childhood cancer and other diseases;

Whereas Friends of Kids With Cancer is recognized for its efforts in providing support to childhood cancer patients and their families in St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas there is a need for greater awareness for childhood cancer on part of the public, including awareness of symptoms, treatment options, research, and public policy implications; and

Whereas September would be an appropriate month to designate as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) supports the designation of Childhood Can-
2 cer Awareness Month; and

3 (2) applauds the actions of medical profes-
4 sionals and other caregivers, researchers, patients
5 and their families, and others who strive to combat
6 and raise public awareness of childhood cancer.

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