

H. Res. 204

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

May 13, 2009.

Whereas access to good oral health care is a vital element of overall health;

Whereas the American Dental Association works to improve access to oral health care services that are essential to help ensure the health of the American public;

Whereas the American Dental Association supports community prevention initiatives and promotion of good oral hygiene;

Whereas the American Dental Association continually works to improve dental technologies and therapies through research and adherence to sound scientific principles;

Whereas “The Journal of the American Dental Association” is recognized internationally as a leader in peer-reviewed dental science;

Whereas the American Dental Association encourages its membership of more than 157,000 dentists to donate their time, resources, and services to providing charitable and uncompensated care;

Whereas dental practices provide over \$2,000,000,000 in charitable and uncompensated care to specific underserved populations annually; and

Whereas the American Dental Association advocates sufficient funding for Federal dental research and military readiness programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the American Dental Association for its 150th anniversary;

(2) commends the American Dental Association's work to improve the public's oral health as well as access to oral health care for all Americans, especially low-income children;

(3) recognizes the tens of thousands of dentists who volunteer their time and resources to provide charitable and uncompensated oral health care to millions of Americans; and

(4) commends the American Dental Association's efforts to keep American dentistry the best in the world.

Attest:

Clerk.