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Supporting the designation of July 2015 as Uterine Fibroids Awareness
Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2015

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. EDWARDS, and Ms. FUDGE)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of July 2015 as Uterine Fibroids
Awareness Month.

Whereas fibroids may cause significant morbidity through
their presence in the uterus and pelvic cavity causing sig-
nificant pelvic pain, abnormal uterine bleeding, reproduc-
tive dysfunction, miscarriages, and even infertility;

Whereas the pain, discomfort, stress, and other physical and
emotional symptoms of living with fibroids may signifi-
cantly interfere with a woman's quality of life, compro-
mising her ability to function normally, work or care for
her family; and may lead to more severe health and
wellness issues;

Whereas uterine fibroids are the most prevalent medical con-
dition affecting women, with an estimated 30 percent of

women developing a uterine fibroid by age 35, and 80 percent of women developing a uterine fibroid by age 50;

Whereas the exact number of affected women is unknown as detection and diagnosis is difficult as only 1 out of 4 women who have a uterine fibroid tumor exhibit symptoms severe enough to require treatment;

Whereas the overall incidence of uterine fibroid tumors is estimated to disproportionately and more severely impact Black and Hispanic women, resulting in an incidence rate that is 3 times greater in women with Black ancestry and 2 times greater in Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women;

Whereas a hysterectomy, or removal of the uterus, is among the most common surgical treatments for uterine fibroids and more than 200,000 hysterectomies are performed each year to treat uterine fibroids, at an estimated annual cost of more than \$2 billion;

Whereas uterine fibroid tumors were estimated to cost the United States \$5.9 billion to \$34.4 billion annually with an estimated annual lost work cost of \$1.6 billion to \$17.2 billion through absenteeism and short-term disability in women age 25 to 54; and

Whereas public awareness and education campaigns on uterine fibroids prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the month of July each year: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideas of Uterine

3 Fibroids Awareness Month;

1 (2) recognizes the disparity in incidence rates of
2 African-American and Hispanic uterine fibroid pa-
3 tients;

4 (3) recognizes the need for greater research,
5 treatment, and care options regarding uterine
6 leiomyoma; and

7 (4) encourages the President to issue a procla-
8 mation calling upon the people of the United States
9 to observe the month with appropriate awareness
10 and educational activities.

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