

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 446

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Stroke Awareness Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mrs. BEATTY (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Stroke Awareness Month.

Whereas stroke, also known as a cerebrovascular accident, is an acute neurologic injury that occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted by a clot in the artery or a burst of the artery;

Whereas stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurologic damage or even death if not promptly diagnosed and treated;

Whereas in the United States, stroke is now the fifth leading cause of death;

Whereas 1 person in the United States dies from stroke every 3 minutes and 33 seconds;

Whereas every year, approximately 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke;

Whereas the direct (medical) costs of stroke are \$30,800,000,000 annually, and total costs (both medical and lost productivity) are \$49,800,000,000;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability;

Whereas those disabilities may require ongoing physical, occupational, speech-language, and other therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from stroke have a considerable impact on children, families, and society;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that the most effective stroke treatments are available only if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within 3 hours of the first symptoms and recommends the public be familiar with and use the mnemonic F.A.S.T. to identify the signs and symptoms of stroke, including—

(1) F—Face Drooping: “Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?”;

(2) A—Arm Weakness: “Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?”;

(3) S—Speech Difficulty: “Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is the speech slurred or strange?”; and

(4) T—Time to Call 9–1–1: “If you see any of these signs, call 9–1–1 right away.”; and

Whereas May is recognized as National Stroke Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) supports the goals and ideals of National  
2       Stroke Awareness Month;

3           (2) encourages the people of the United States  
4       to support the efforts, programs, services, and advoca-  
5       cacy of organizations that work to enhance public  
6       awareness of stroke; and

7           (3) encourages continued coordination and co-  
8       operation between government, researchers, families,  
9       and the public to improve prognoses by increasing  
10      access to timely treatments for individuals who suf-  
11      fer strokes.

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