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# H. RES. 877

Encouraging each State to enact legislation that increases the likelihood of survival after sudden cardiac arrest in our Nation's schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. ROE of Tennessee) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Encouraging each State to enact legislation that increases the likelihood of survival after sudden cardiac arrest in our Nation's schools.

Whereas the American Red Cross advocates that improved training and access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) could save 50,000 lives each year;

Whereas the average response time to a 911 call is 8 to 12 minutes;

Whereas the likelihood of survival is reduced approximately 10 percent for each minute defibrillation is delayed; and

Whereas sudden cardiac arrest is most effectively treated by combining CPR and defibrillation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) encourages public schools in possession of  
3       one or more AEDs to schedule annual AED training  
4       for all school personnel, for which staff meetings or  
5       in-service days allocated under State law for training  
6       programs in emergency first aid and cardiopulmo-  
7       nary resuscitation (CPR) may be used;

8               (2) recommends that—

9                       (A) the annual AED training may include  
10       teaching the use of AEDs and information for  
11       school personnel relating to the locations of  
12       AEDs, the school’s response plan, and the  
13       members of the school response team;

14                      (B) each public school in possession of one  
15       or more AEDs should conduct an annual CPR  
16       and AED drill for school personnel to practice  
17       the use of these life-saving measures and to  
18       evaluate the school’s preparedness in the event  
19       of a sudden cardiac arrest; and

20                      (C) when planning the training and drills,  
21       local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools  
22       should coordinate with other schools operating  
23       training programs, any State-issued rec-  
24       ommendations as to the development or usage  
25       of appropriate programs, and the American

1           Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmo-  
2           nary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardio-  
3           vascular Care; and

4           (3) congratulates each State, including Ten-  
5           nessee, that has already enacted and implemented  
6           such wise and life-saving legislation.

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