

House Joint Memorial 6

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SUMMARY

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Digest: Urges Congress to spend more on research involving health care. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.7).

Urges Congress to ensure strong annual federal funding for the National Institutes of Health and to increase investment in cutting-edge medical research through grants from the NIH to research institutions.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legisla-
5 tive session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the contributions of medical research have led to breakthrough discoveries improving
7 health outcomes for patients and communities, securing global competitiveness in science, boosting
8 job creation, educating the next generation of scientists and strengthening economic growth; and

9 Whereas medical research, through the support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH),
10 serves a vital and unique role in the United States research enterprise, leading to cutting-edge
11 preventative strategies and research for treatments and cures for longstanding challenges like can-
12 cer, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, sickle cell disease, obesity and the mental health and opioid
13 epidemics, as well as for emerging threats like yet unknown infectious diseases; and

14 Whereas NIH funding has supported generations of medical researchers and their institutions,
15 including over 300,000 nonfederal scientists and technical personnel at more than 2,500 medical
16 schools, research universities and facilities; and

17 Whereas NIH funding forms the foundation of America's biomedical research sector, which leads
18 the world in research spending and innovation; and

19 Whereas NIH funding has continued to decrease in recent years, severely affecting its ability
20 to provide grants to research institutions, including key institutions in the State of Oregon; and

21 Whereas without significant new investments, America's long-term leadership in biomedical re-
22 search will be at risk; and

23 Whereas the effects of the decline in NIH funding and the resulting research and development
24 deficit will be immense, and these effects will be increasingly felt over time because scientific dis-
25 covery is cumulative; and

26 Whereas the choice between more or less NIH funding today can thus mean the difference be-
27 tween whether or not scientists make a critical breakthrough several decades from now; and

28 Whereas ensuring strong annual federal funding for the NIH is essential to support medical re-

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1 search and the discovery of vital treatments and cures, which improve the physical and mental
2 health of all Americans; and

3 Whereas in order to secure America's position as the global leader in biomedical research for
4 the foreseeable future, Congress must pursue significant new investments in cutting-edge medical
5 research funded by NIH grants; now, therefore,

6 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

7 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress
8 of the United States of America to ensure strong annual federal funding for the National Institutes
9 of Health and to increase investment in cutting-edge medical research through grants from the NIH
10 to research institutions; and be it further

11 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the
12 Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the
13 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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