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H. RES. 1216

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 14 seconds;

Whereas every year, approximately 795,000 people in the United States experience a new or recurrent stroke;

Whereas, in the United States, the total annual costs from stroke are \$103,500,000,000 annually, with indirect costs (lost productivity and premature death) at \$68,300,000,000;

Whereas the total annual costs of stroke in the United States are projected to increase to \$240,670,000,000 by 2030, an increase of 129 percent from 2012;

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—

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

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

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

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