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# H. RES. 346

Recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating additional funds for research, education, awareness outreach, and early detection.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2009

Mr. MEEKS of New York (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HOLT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WATT, and Mr. WU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating additional funds for research, education, awareness outreach, and early detection.

Whereas the incidence of prostate cancer in African-American men is 60 percent higher than in any other racial or ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas African-American men have the highest mortality rate of any ethnic and racial group in the United States, dying at a rate that is 140 percent higher than other ethnic and racial groups;

Whereas that rate of mortality represents the largest disparity of mortality rates in any of the major cancers;

Whereas prostate cancer can be cured with early detection and the proper treatment, regardless of the ethnic or racial group of the cancer patient;

Whereas African-Americans are more likely to be diagnosed earlier in age and at a later stage of cancer progression than all other ethnic and racial groups, thereby leading to lower cure rates and lower chances of survival; and

Whereas, according to a recent paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers from the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School have discovered a variant of a small segment of the human genome that accounts for the higher risk of prostate cancer in African-American men: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes that prostate cancer has created  
3       a health crisis for African-American men; and

4               (2) urges Federal agencies to designate additional funds for—

5                       (A) research to address and attempt to end  
6       such health crisis; and  
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1                   (B) efforts relating to education, aware-  
2                   ness, and early detection at the grassroots levels  
3                   to end such health crisis.

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