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H. RES. 386

Expressing support for the designation of May as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. VALADAO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”.

Whereas 4,800,000 children in the United States currently have asthma;

Whereas 25,000,000, or 1 in 13 people in the United States, have asthma and the numbers are increasing each year;

Whereas, in 2018, on average, children missed more than 7,900,000 days of school and adults missed 10,900,000 days of work because of asthma;

Whereas asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among children;

Whereas 1,500,000 individuals per year visit emergency departments because of asthma’s effects;

Whereas asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children;

Whereas the total economic cost of asthma in the United States was \$81,900,000,000 per year from 2008 to 2013;

Whereas fewer than half of people with asthma report being given an asthma action plan, which is key to the prevention of asthma attacks;

Whereas Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous individuals in the United States face the highest burden of asthma;

Whereas asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives of over 3,500 Americans in 2021;

Whereas 20,300,000 people in the United States have food allergies, including about 4,300,000 children;

Whereas food allergy has increased among United States children over the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in Black children;

Whereas children with food allergies are 2 to 4 times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases; and

Whereas May would be an appropriation month to designate as “Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”
- 3 and calls upon the American people to observe such month
- 4 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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