

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 403

Supporting the designation of March 2018 as Endometriosis Awareness  
Month.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 2017

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of March 2018 as Endometriosis  
Awareness Month.

Whereas endometriosis is a disease in which the type of tissue that normally grows in the uterus (the endometrium) also grows outside of the uterus;

Whereas endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological diseases in women, and occurs in 1 in 10 women of reproductive age;

Whereas endometriosis has no known cure;

Whereas the cause of endometriosis is not known, but risk factors include having a mother, sister, or daughter with endometriosis, periods that started at an early age, monthly cycles that are short, and menstrual cycles that are heavy and last more than seven days;

Whereas the only way currently available to be certain of an endometriosis diagnosis is to have a surgical procedure known as a laparoscopy;

Whereas endometriosis primarily affects women in their 30s and 40s, but can affect any woman who menstruates;

Whereas women experience a delay from three to eleven years between the first symptoms of pain and the final endometriosis diagnosis, which can lead to lower quality of life and high medical costs;

Whereas for many girls and women, endometriosis is a life-long chronic disease that can affect relationships, school and work, fertility, and daily life;

Whereas the primary symptoms of endometriosis include pain and infertility, and many with endometriosis live with debilitating, chronic pain;

Whereas endometriosis is one of the three main causes of female infertility, and between 30 and 50 percent of women with endometriosis experience infertility;

Whereas health care providers must focus on managing the symptoms of endometriosis, which may include IVF, low-dose oral contraceptives, IUDs, pain killers (NSAIDs), and GnRH therapy; and

Whereas there is a need for further research and increased research funding for endometriosis, which could lead to earlier detection and the discovery of the cause of the disease, a reliable, less invasive way to diagnose the disease, more effective ways to manage symptoms, and a cure: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) strongly supports the goals and ideas of  
2           Endometriosis Awareness Month;

3           (2) recognizes the need for early detection and  
4           treatment of endometriosis, increased education for  
5           health care providers, and more culturally competent  
6           care;

7           (3) remains committed to supporting and fund-  
8           ing endometriosis research for more effective treat-  
9           ments, increasing fertility, and, ultimately, a cure;  
10          and

11          (4) encourages the people of the United States  
12          to observe the month with appropriate awareness  
13          and educational activities.

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