

SUPPORTING NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 138) supporting National Men's Health Week, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 138

Whereas despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of almost 6 years less than women and African-American men have the lowest life expectancy;

Whereas all 10 of the 10 leading causes of death, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, affect men at a higher percentage than women;

Whereas between ages 45–54, men are 3 times more likely than women to die of heart attacks;

Whereas men die of heart disease at almost twice the rate of women;

Whereas men die of cancer at almost one and a half times the rate of women;

Whereas testicular cancer is one of the most common cancers in men aged 15–34, and when detected early, has a 95 percent survival rate;

Whereas the number of cases of colon cancer among men will reach over 55,000 in 2007, and almost half will die from the disease;

Whereas the likelihood that a man will develop prostate cancer is 1 in 6;

Whereas the number of men contracting prostate cancer will reach over 218,890 in 2007, and almost 27,050 will die from the disease;

Whereas African-American men in the United States have the highest incidence in the world of prostate cancer;

Whereas significant numbers of male-related health problems, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, infertility, and colon cancer, could be detected and treated if men's awareness of these problems was more pervasive;

Whereas more than one-half the elderly widows now living in poverty were not poor before the death of their husbands, and by age 100 women outnumber men 8 to 1;

Whereas educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality for these diseases;

Whereas appropriate use of tests such as Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) exams, blood pressure screens, and cholesterol screens, in conjunction with clinical examination and self-testing for problems such as testicular cancer, can result in the detection of many of these problems in their early stages and increases in the survival rates to nearly 100 percent;

Whereas women are 100 percent more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men;

Whereas men are less likely than women to visit their health center or physician for regular screening examinations of male-related problems for a variety of reasons, including fear, lack of health insurance, lack of information, and cost factors;

Whereas National Men's Health Week was established by Congress and first celebrated in 1994 and urged men and their families to engage in appropriate health behaviors, and the resulting increased awareness has improved health-related education and helped prevent illness;

Whereas the Governors of over 45 States issue proclamations annually declaring Men's Health Week in their States;

Whereas since 1994, National Men's Health Week has been celebrated each June by dozens of States, cities, localities, public health departments, health care entities, churches, and community organizations throughout the Nation, that promote health awareness events focused on men and family;

Whereas the National Men's Health Week website has been established at www.menshealthweek.org and features Governors' proclamations and National Men's Health Week events;

Whereas men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings;

Whereas men and their families are encouraged to increase their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical checkups; and

Whereas June 9 through 15, 2008, is National Men's Health Week, which has the purpose of heightening the awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—

(1) the Congress supports the annual National Men's Health Week; and

(2) requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Men's Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of H. Con. Res. 138, as amended, which expresses Congress's support of Men's Health Week, which is designed to raise awareness of men's health issues and the importance of preventative health care in order to improve the lifespan of American men.

H. Con. Res. 138, which was introduced by the gentleman from Maryland, Representative ELIJAH CUMMINGS, on May 1, 2007, was amended and reported from the Oversight Committee on May 15, 2008, before being passed by voice vote. The measure has the support and sponsorship of 59 Members of Congress, and expresses support for increased medical awareness that will

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improve the health and well-being of American men.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all of the 10 leading causes of death among Americans, such as cancer and heart disease, affect our Nation's men at a higher rate than our women. On average, the male life expectancy in America is 6 years lower than the life expectancy of their female counterparts. A leading cause of this disparity is that men are 100 percent less likely to visit a doctor for screening and preventative medical checkups. This reluctance is tragic, as many life-threatening conditions are mitigated when found through early detection.

Congress recognized the need to encourage preventative medicine by increasing health awareness in American men when it established National Men's Health Week in 1994. Now, 14 years later, this commemorative week has helped to raise awareness and lower illness among American men.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge the swift passage of this measure, as it will continue to encourage the men of our country to take a more active and preventative role in safeguarding their health, and, therefore, the health of America.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of this resolution promoting National Men's Health Week. Across this Nation, men are reminded daily about the benefits of living a healthy life. Whether through exercise, a balanced diet, or regular visits to the doctor, these simple steps can lead to longer, more vibrant lives. Sadly, many men still neglect the basic preventative measures and often fail to realize the ripple effect their declining health can have on those around them.

It is no secret that men have a shorter lifespan than women. Of the 10 leading causes of death in this country, men lead women in all 10. Yes, some of this can be attributed to lifestyle differences. Men are prone to engage in heavier drinking, smoking, and risky behaviors. But the sad reality is that men all too often neglect to seek out the medical help they need. Studies have shown that men are significantly less likely to visit the doctor than women are.

Congress and the President established National Men's Health Awareness Week in May 1994. They chose the week leading up to Father's Day, when our focus on the male figures in our life is greatest, to bring national attention to the critical health issues facing men and to highlight the preventative measures that are necessary and available.

Early detection is vital, and in many cases, increases chances for survival. Men's Health Awareness Week helps bring this information to light and highlights the proactive steps that men can take to improve their chances for a long, healthy life. The benefits of a more proactive approach to men's health extends not only to the individual, but to their families, friends, society, and the Nation.

Better long-term health means fewer medical expenses for families, taxpayers, and employers. When women outlive their spouses, often by more than half a decade, they face the financial, emotional, and physical burden of living out their remaining years in solitude. This can ultimately place undue stress on a family or taxpayers.

Men's Health Awareness Week helps broaden our understanding of the serious health risks facing men and the simple steps we can all take to help mitigate their

effects. So I urge my colleagues not only to support this resolution, but to honor its message. If you're a man, go to the doctor. If you're a woman, encourage your husband, brother, son, and friends to do so. Take a walk, go for a jog, or eat a piece of fruit. After all, we all know that an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my distinguished colleague from the State of Idaho (Mr. SALI).

Mr. SALI. I thank the gentlewoman.

Today, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 138, supporting National Men's Health Week. Not only should we be recognizing this important health issue this week, but Congress should also be addressing other issues critical to the American people, especially rising fuel prices.

As Americans across this country pay an average of \$3.98 per gallon, these prices hit families, and particularly school children. Just yesterday, the Calhoun Times reported in Georgia that, and I quote, "High gas prices hit high school sports. With gas prices soaring to record heights, the cost of taking teams on the road has become a looming storm on the horizon of high school athletics that has led some to worry what the future may have in store. All across the country, people are dealing with the pinch of high gas prices. With high school teams' main mode of transportation still the average school bus, which runs on diesel, costs are even higher."

This is unacceptable, Mr. Speaker. We need to act now to lower gas prices.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we observe and promote Men's Health Week, I am pleased to note that both the Illinois Department of Public Health and the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health, under able leadership of their commissioners, place great emphasis on men's health, and have two activities coming up this week; Saturday at Malcolm X College, and next week, the day before Father's Day, at Malcolm X Community College, where the focus is men's health.

I urge passage of this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 138, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCNULTY) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 138, by the yeas and nays;

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The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5- minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 138, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 138, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 0, answered "present" 0, not voting 71, as follows:

[Roll No. 367]

YEAS—362

Abercrombie	Biggert	Brown (SC)	Chabot
Ackerman	Bilbray	Brown-Waite,	Chandler
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Ginny	Childers
Akin	Bishop (GA)	Buchanan	Clarke
Alexander	Bishop (NY)	Burgess	Clay
Allen	Bishop (UT)	Burton (IN)	Cleaver
Altmire	Blackburn	Butterfield	Clyburn
Arcuri	Blumenauer	Buyer	Coble
Bachmann	Blunt	Calvert	Cohen
Bachus	Bonner	Camp (MI)	Cole (OK)
Baird	Bono Mack	Campbell (CA)	Conaway
Baldwin	Boozman	Cannon	Conyers
Barrett (SC)	Boren	Cantor	Cooper
Barrow	Boucher	Capito	Costa
Bartlett (MD)	Boustany	Capps	Costello
Barton (TX)	Boyd (FL)	Capuano	Cramer
Bean	Boyda (KS)	Carnahan	Crenshaw
Becerra	Brady (PA)	Carney	Cuellar
Berkley	Brady (TX)	Carson	Culberson
Berman	Braley (IA)	Carter	Cummings
Berry	Broun (GA)	Castle	Davis (AL)

Davis (CA)	Goodlatte	Klein (FL)	Mica
Davis (IL)	Gordon	Kline (MN)	Michaud
Davis (KY)	Granger	Kucinich	Miller (FL)
Davis, David	Graves	Kuhl (NY)	Miller (MI)
Davis, Lincoln	Green, Al	LaHood	Miller (NC)
Davis, Tom	Green, Gene	Lamborn	Miller, Gary
Deal (GA)	Hall (NY)	Lampson	Miller, George
DeFazio	Hall (TX)	Langevin	Mitchell
DeGette	Hare	Larson (CT)	Mollohan
Delahunt	Harman	Latham	Moore (KS)
DeLauro	Hastings (FL)	LaTourette	Moore (WI)
Dent	Hastings (WA)	Latta	Moran (KS)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayes	Levin	Murphy (CT)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Heller	Lewis (CA)	Murphy, Patrick
Dicks	Hensarling	Lewis (GA)	Murphy, Tim
Dingell	Herger	Lewis (KY)	Myrick
Doggett	Herseth Sandlin	Linder	Napolitano
Donnelly	Higgins	Lipinski	Neal (MA)
Doyle	Hill	LoBiondo	Neugebauer
Drake	Hinojosa	Loebsack	Nunes
Dreier	Hirono	Lofgren, Zoe	Oberstar
Duncan	Hobson	Lowey	Obey
Ehlers	Hodes	Lucas	Olver
Ellsworth	Hoekstra	Lungren, Daniel	Ortiz
Emerson	Holden	E.	Pastor
Engel	Holt	Lynch	Paul
English (PA)	Honda	Mack	Pence
Eshoo	Hooley	Mahoney (FL)	Perlmutter
Etheridge	Hoyer	Manzullo	Peterson (MN)
Fallin	Inslee	Marchant	Petri
Farr	Israel	Markey	Pickering
Fattah	Issa	Marshall	Pitts
Feeney	Jackson (IL)	Matheson	Platts
Flake	Jefferson	Matsui	Poe
Forbes	Johnson (GA)	McCarthy (CA)	Pomeroy
Fortenberry	Johnson, E. B.	McCarthy (NY)	Porter
Fossella	Johnson, Sam	McCaul (TX)	Price (GA)
Foster	Jones (NC)	McCotter	Price (NC)
Foxx	Jordan	McCrery	Putnam
Frank (MA)	Kagen	McDermott	Rahall
Franks (AZ)	Kaptur	McHenry	Ramstad
Frelinghuysen	Keller	McHugh	Rangel
Garrett (NJ)	Kildee	McIntyre	Regula
Gerlach	Kilpatrick	McKeon	Rehberg
Giffords	Kind	McMorris	Reichert
Gingrey	King (IA)	Rodgers	Renzi
Gohmert	King (NY)	McNulty	Reyes
Gonzalez	Kingston	Meeks (NY)	Reynolds
Goode	Kirk	Melancon	Rodriguez

Rogers (AL)	Schwartz	Spratt	Visclosky
Rogers (KY)	Scott (GA)	Stark	Walberg
Rogers (MI)	Scott (VA)	Stearns	Walden (OR)
Ros-Lehtinen	Sensenbrenner	Stupak	Walsh (NY)
Ross	Serrano	Sullivan	Walz (MN)
Roybal-Allard	Sessions	Sutton	Wamp
Royce	Shays	Tancredo	Watson
Ruppersberger	Shea-Porter	Tanner	Watt
Ryan (OH)	Sherman	Tauscher	Waxman
Ryan (WI)	Shimkus	Taylor	Welch (VT)
Salazar	Shuster	Terry	Westmoreland
Sali	Simpson	Thompson (CA)	Wexler
Sa´nchez,	Skelton	Thompson (MS)	Whitfield (KY)
LindaT.	Slaughter	Thornberry	Wilson (OH)
Sanchez,	Smith (NE)	Tiahrt	Wilson (SC)
Loretta	Smith (NJ)	Tiberi	Wittman (VA)
Sarbanes	Smith (TX)	Tierney	Wolf
Saxton	Snyder	Towns	Woolsey
Scalise	Solis	Tsongas	Wu
Schakowsky	Souder	Turner	Yarmuth
Schiff	Space	Upton	Young (AK)
Schmidt	Speier	Van Hollen	

NOT VOTING—71

Andrews	Gilchrest	McGovern	Sestak
Baca	Gillibrand	McNerney	Shadegg
Boehner	Grijalva	Meek (FL)	Shuler
Boswell	Gutierrez	Moran (VA)	Sires
Brown, Corrine	Hinchey	Murtha	Smith (WA)
Cardoza	Hulshof	Musgrave	Udall (CO)
Castor	Hunter	Nadler	Udall (NM)
Cazayoux	Inglis (SC)	Pallone	Vela´zquez
Courtney	Jackson-Lee	Pascrell	Wasserman
Crowley	(TX)	Payne	Schultz
Cubin	Johnson (IL)	Pearce	Waters
Doolittle	Jones (OH)	Peterson (PA)	Weiner
Edwards	Kanjorski	Pryce (OH)	Weldon (FL)
Ellison	Kennedy	Radanovich	Weller
Emanuel	Knollenberg	Richardson	Wilson (NM)
Everett	Larsen (WA)	Rohrabacher	Young (FL)
Ferguson	Lee	Roskam	
Filner	Maloney (NY)	Rothman	
Gallely	McCollum (MN)	Rush	

Messrs. LINDER and MARKEY changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CAZAYOUX. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 367, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 367, I was unable to vote because of pressing business with my constituents in my home district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to thank my colleagues for just a few minutes ago passing unanimously H. Con. Res. 138, which I introduced recognizing June 9 through 15, 2008, as National Men's Health Week.

The need for this legislation could not be more evident, as far too many of our friends, brothers, uncles, cousins, grandfathers and fathers die each day from illnesses and diseases that are treatable.

Despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of almost 6 years less than women, and African American men have the lowest life expectancy of all groups.

Further, all of the 10 leading causes of death, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, affect men at a higher percentage rate than women.

Men simply are not getting the care they need. Women are 100 percent more likely to visit the doctor for an annual examination and to get preventive care.

This happens for a variety of reasons, including fear on the part of men, lack of health insurance, a macho attitude, thinking that they cannot be harmed, lack of information and cost factors. The disparity in men's health has led to increased risk of death from heart disease and cancer. But these problems do not only affect men.

More than one-half of elderly widows now living in poverty were not poor before the deaths of their husbands, and by age 100, women outnumber men eight to one.

We simply must get more men the early care and education they need to lead long, healthy lives. That is why I sponsored this resolution that recognizes June 9 through June 15 as National Men's Health Week. We need to educate both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems to reduce rates of mortality for common diseases.

Appropriate use of tests such as prostate specific antigen, PSA, exams, blood pressure screening, cholesterol screening and in conjunction with clinical examination and self-testing for problems such as testicular cancer, can result in the detection of many of these problems in their early stages. This early detection can lead to increases in the survival rates to nearly 100 percent of men.

National Men's Health Week was established by Congress in 1994. The week is designed to encourage men and their families to engage in appropriate health behaviors, and the resulting increased awareness has improved health-related education and helped prevent illnesses.

Men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their life span and their roles as productive family members will be more likely to participate in preventive care.

By recognizing National Men's Health Week, we bring this very important issue to the forefront, encouraging discussion and promoting this critical education in early detection.

I thank Chairman WAXMAN and Subcommittee Chairman DAVIS for their support, and I appreciate my colleagues voting in favor of this resolution.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. JOE COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, I was necessarily absent from House business as I celebrated the high school graduation of my son in Connecticut.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 367, H. Con Res 138, Supporting National Men's Health Week; voted "yea" on rollcall 368 H. Res 923, Recognizing the State of Minnesota's 150th Anniversary; and voted "yea" on rollcall 369, H. Res 1114, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day. My vote would not have changed the outcome of any rollcall.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on June 3, 2008. On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, I was unable to be present in the Capitol and missed rollcall votes Nos. 367 through 369. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 367, on H. Con. Res. 138, a resolution supporting National Men's Health Week, I would have voted "aye."

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, June 3, 2008, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 138, H. Res. 923, and H. Res. 1114, and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 367 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 952, Supporting National Men's Health Week, I would have voted "aye."

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, I missed three recorded votes. Had I been present, the record would reflect the following votes: H. Con. Res. 138. Supporting National Men's Health Week, "yes."

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, for the information of our colleagues and my constituents, I want the RECORD to reflect how I would have voted on the following votes I missed this session.

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On rollcall 367, to suspend rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 138 supporting National Men's Health Week, I would have voted "yes."

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