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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 169

Recognizing the importance of sun safety, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Ms. ESHOO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of sun safety, and for other purposes.

Whereas Americans of all ages cherish the pleasures of outdoor activities, and too few recognize that overexposure to the sun and its ultraviolet radiation, classified by the Department of Health and Human Services as a known carcinogen, is the leading cause of skin cancer;

Whereas it is critically important to be safe in the sun because skin cancer is the fastest growing cancer in our country today, affecting 1 in 5 Americans during their lifetimes and killing 1 person every hour of every day;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year, accounting for nearly half of all new cases of cancer and exceeding

the incidence of breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancer combined;

Whereas most people receive approximately 80 percent of their lifetime sun exposure by age 18, setting the stage for skin cancer later in life;

Whereas skin cancer is highly preventable by taking simple precautions when engaged in outdoor activities;

Whereas research demonstrates that practicing good sun safety has the potential to significantly reduce the risk of skin cancer;

Whereas the Sun Safety Alliance and its members have dedicated themselves to promoting sun safety, eliminating skin cancer from excessive sun exposure, and encouraging sun protection practices, especially among children; and

Whereas the Sun Safety Alliance has designated the week of June 5, 2005, to June 11, 2005, as National Sun Safety Week: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the importance of sun safety;

3               (2) recognizes the need for school-based sun  
4       safety education programs;

5               (3) encourages all Americans to protect them-  
6       selves and their children from the dangers of exces-  
7       sive sun exposure;

8               (4) congratulates the Sun Safety Alliance for  
9       its efforts to promote sun safety and prevent skin  
10      cancer; and

- 1 (5) supports the goals and ideas of National
- 2 Sun Safety Week.

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