

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 934

Supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive
Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead with an
Advance Directive Week.

Whereas life and death situations confront hundreds of thousands of persons within the United States each year due to life threatening illness or injury;

Whereas advance directives offer individuals the opportunity to discuss with loved ones and family members in advance and decide what measures would be appropriate for them when it comes to end-of-life care;

Whereas the preparation of an advance directive, would advise family members, medical providers, and other persons of how an individual would want to be treated in certain crisis situations;

Whereas physicians, other health care providers, clergy, legal counsel, and family members should, or may, provide guidance and insight into determining the final wishes of a person when an advance directive is being prepared;

Whereas to avoid any legal or medical confusion due to the emotions involved in end-of-life decisions, it is in the best interest of all Americans that each person over the age of 18 communicate his or her wishes by creating an advance directive; and

Whereas the designation of the first week of April each year as Plan Ahead with an Advance Directive Week would give honor and respect to all persons as they make critical decisions about their end-of-life care and allow death with dignity according to their own decisions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Plan Ahead
3 with an Advance Directive Week;

4 (2) encourages each person in the United
5 States who is over the age of 18 to prepare an ad-
6 vance directive to assist his or her family members
7 and medical professionals and others as they honor
8 his or her final wishes; and

9 (3) encourages medical, civic, educational, reli-
10 gious, and other nonprofit organizations to encour-
11 age individuals to prepare advance directives to en-

- 1 sure that their wishes and rights with respect to
- 2 end-of-life care are protected.

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