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Whereas approximately 12,900 women are diagnosed with, and 4,400 women die from, cervical cancer in the United States each year;

Whereas women who are members of certain racial or ethnic minorities and women who have a low income are more likely than other women to die from cervical cancer;

Whereas cervical cancer is primarily caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) and can be detected by a Papanicolaou test (Pap test) or other early detection tests;

Whereas the earlier cervical cancer is detected the better chance a woman has of surviving cervical cancer;

Whereas women of certain racial or ethnic minorities, women who have less than a high school education, and women who have a low income are less likely than other women to receive a Pap test or other early detection test for cervical cancer; and

Whereas cervical cancer survivors have shown tremendous courage and determination in the face of adversity: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) recognizes the importance of good cervical  
4        health and of detecting cervical cancer during its  
5        earliest stages;

6            (2) urges health care facilities and other med-  
7        ical institutions to continue to raise public awareness  
8        about cervical cancer and the importance of early  
9        detection;

10          (3) urges the people of the United States to  
11        learn about cervical cancer and the importance of  
12        early detection; and

1           (4) recognizes the survivors of cervical cancer  
2           for their tremendous courage and determination.

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2002.

Attest:

*Clerk.*