

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 486

Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a  
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Mr. PLATTS (for himself and Mr. McNULTY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be  
established a Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Whereas over 30,300 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic  
cancer this year in the United States;

Whereas the mortality rate for pancreatic cancer is 99 per-  
cent, the highest of any cancer;

Whereas pancreatic cancer is the 4th most common cause of  
cancer death for men and women in the United States;

Whereas there are no early detection methods and minimal  
treatment options for pancreatic cancer;

Whereas when symptoms of pancreatic cancer generally  
present themselves, it is too late for an optimistic prog-

nosis, and the average survival rate of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only 3 to 6 months;

Whereas pancreatic cancer does not discriminate by age, gender, or race, and only 4 percent of patients survive beyond 5 years;

Whereas the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN), the only national advocacy organization for pancreatic cancer patients, facilitates awareness, patient support, professional education, and advocacy for pancreatic cancer research funding, with a view to ultimately developing a cure for pancreatic cancer;

Whereas the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will promote pancreatic cancer awareness during the month of November in order to educate communities across the Nation about pancreatic cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and prevention programs; and

Whereas the observance of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month during November 2002, would increase awareness of pancreatic cancer: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that there
- 3 should be established a Pancreatic Cancer Awareness
- 4 Month.

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