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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that improving men's health through fitness and the reduction of obesity should be a priority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that improving men's health through fitness and the reduction of obesity should be a priority.

Whereas the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service has identified obesity as a major health problem;

Whereas 61 percent of adults in the United States are considered overweight or obese, as indicated by a body mass index (the most reliable measure) of 25 or greater;

Whereas 300,000 deaths each year in the United States are associated with being overweight or obese;

Whereas the economic cost of obesity in the United States was about \$177 billion in 2000;

Whereas being overweight or obese puts people at a greater risk of heart disease, certain types of cancer, type 2 dia-

betes, stroke, arthritis, breathing problems, and depression;

Whereas men who are overweight are 50 percent more likely to have erectile dysfunction and men who are obese are 200 percent more likely to have erectile dysfunction;

Whereas fewer than a third of American adults engage in the recommended level of physical activity, which is 30 minutes, 3 to 4 times a week; and

Whereas the number of overweight and obese children has nearly tripled in the past two decades: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that being overweight or obese is
3 a major health concern in the United States;

4 (2) commends and supports the work of all or-
5 ganizations that are taking steps to combat this
6 health problem;

7 (3) urges all governmental, State, and private
8 organizations to do everything in their power to pro-
9 mote a healthy lifestyle; and

10 (4) pledges to take proactive steps to intensify
11 its efforts to combat this health problem.

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