

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

2 BY FORD

3 A Resolution relating to support of increased funding  
4 for research and public health programs.

5 WHEREAS, the health status of African-Americans is  
6 significantly worse than that of other population  
7 groups and African-Americans are at greater risk for  
8 numerous diseases, such as the human immunodeficiency  
9 virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome and  
10 chronic conditions such as diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, the underlying causes for this health  
12 status disparity are not yet fully known; and

13 WHEREAS, access to adequate health care is limited  
14 for many African-Americans due to their lack of  
15 insurance or funding limitations of government  
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, state governments across the country are  
18 facing severe budget constraints relative to medical  
19 assistance, the state children's health insurance  
20 program, and other state health programs; NOW

21 THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
23 That the House of Representatives supports the  
24 following measures:

25 1. Increased federal funding for medical research  
26 to determine the underlying causes of health status  
27 disparities that exist between African-Americans and  
28 the population as a whole.

29 2. Increased federal support for states facing  
30 severe budget crises through the full funding of

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1 medical assistance, the state children's health  
2 insurance program, and other public health programs  
3 that serve the African-American community and other  
4 populations.

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