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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY FORD

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

That the House of Representatives supports the following measures:

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

2. Increased federal support for states facing 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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