

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to increase federal funding for research and development involving advanced medical technology used in the treatment of type 1 diabetes.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio (the House of Representatives concurring):

WHEREAS, More than one million Americans have been diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, also known as type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is a disease that frequently strikes children suddenly, makes them dependent on insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of life-threatening complications; and

WHEREAS, The number of diagnoses of type 1 diabetes is growing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, The cost of type 1 diabetes, including medical expenses and lost productivity, is billions of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, Type 1 diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, and death; and

WHEREAS, Medical and technological advances in the development of the closed-loop insulin delivery system, or "artificial pancreas," and in the development of islet cell transplantation therapy have created meaningful and realistic pathways to a cure of type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Adequate federal funding for research and development involving the closed-loop system and islet cell transplantation will result in positive medical outcomes for millions of Americans who are affected by type 1 diabetes and, thereby, ameliorate widespread human suffering and preserve billions of dollars in taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, Current levels of funding designated for the efforts of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in advancing the technology associated with the closed-loop system and islet cell transplantation are inadequate, and an increase in funding for NIH's efforts will expedite the refining of and access to these important medical treatments and procedures; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the Congress of the United States to increase NIH funding levels for research in and development of the closed-loop system and islet cell transplantation so that those who are suffering from type 1 diabetes will have expedited access to such technology, thus enhancing health care while saving billions of dollars in health care costs and lost productivity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Adopted _____, 20____