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# H. RES. 957

Expressing support for the designation of May as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2020

Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. KING of New York) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”.

Whereas 5,500,000 children in the United States, 7.5 percent, currently have asthma;

Whereas 24,800,000, or one in 13 people in the United States, have asthma and the numbers are increasing each year;

Whereas, in 2018, on average, children missed more than 7,900,000 days of school and adults missed 10,900,000 days of work because of asthma;

Whereas asthma is the second most common noncommunicable disease among children;

Whereas 1,700,000 individuals per year visit emergency departments because of asthma's effects;

Whereas the total economic cost of asthma in the United States was \$81,900,000,000 per year from 2008 to 2013;

Whereas fewer than half of people with asthma report being given an asthma action plan, which is key to the prevention of asthma attacks;

Whereas asthma is a manageable disease;

Whereas those with moderate to severe asthma may be at a greater risk of developing serious complications as a result of COVID-19 during the current public health emergency; and

Whereas May would be an appropriate month to designate as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) supports the designation of “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month”;

3           (2) encourages awareness of the prevalence of  
4           asthma and allergies, including heightened prevalence among women, minority, and urban demographics;

5           (3) recognizes and salutes health care professionals who treat asthma and allergy-related health  
6           issues;

7           (4) recognizes and salutes researchers working  
8           to identify asthma and allergy cures;

- 1           (5) recognizes and reaffirms commitment to  
2       public education about asthma and allergy treatment  
3       and symptoms and to advancing care for both asth-  
4       ma and allergy conditions; and  
5           (6) supports investment in researching the pre-  
6       vention, treatment, and eradication of asthma.

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