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Raising awareness for the cancer chordoma.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KILMER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Raising awareness for the cancer chordoma.

Whereas chordoma is a slow growing, yet aggressive bone cancer of the skull and spine;

Whereas it strikes people of all ages and affects more than 25,000 individuals worldwide;

Whereas each year, thousands of people are diagnosed with chordoma including about 300 people annually in the United States;

Whereas chordomas are among the most complicated tumors to treat due to involvement of critical structures such as the brain stem, spinal cord, and important nerves and arteries;

Whereas surgery or radiation performed by a skilled treatment team can be curative for some patients, but even with the best care possible, the recurrence rate remains high; and

Whereas no drugs are known to cure or effectively control the disease, meaning that patients whose disease progresses after exhausting surgical and radiation options have little hope for a full recovery: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that chordoma patients and families need in-
 3 creased funding and support for—

4 (1) accurate and early diagnosis;

5 (2) the development of new treatments,
 6 diagnostics, and cures;

7 (3) fewer hurdles between research and new
 8 treatments; and

9 (4) patient-centric approaches to drug discovery
 10 and development.

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