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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is need for specified agencies to coordinate and capitalize on existing programs for epilepsy awareness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON (for herself, Mr. BENISHEK, and Mr. PERLMUTTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is need for specified agencies to coordinate and capitalize on existing programs for epilepsy awareness.

Whereas epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder after stroke and Alzheimer's disease, affecting nearly 3,000,000 people in the United States;

Whereas one in every 10 people in the United States will experience a seizure during their lifetime;

Whereas traumatic brain injury (TBI) is one of the most common injuries of the Iraq war, and experts believe that 30 to 50 percent of military personnel affected by TBI will develop epilepsy; and

Whereas injury, death, and other negative health, economic, or life outcomes can be avoided through training and awareness of seizures in schools, the workplace, and communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that in implementing existing Federal epi-
 3 lepsy public education, outreach, and awareness cam-
 4 paigns under section 330E–1 of the Public Health Service
 5 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services should,
 6 to the greatest extent practicable, collaborate with the Sec-
 7 retaries of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Education, Labor,
 8 and Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and others
 9 as deemed necessary by the Secretary of Health and
 10 Human Services to deliver the campaign’s educational ma-
 11 terials and messages to individuals and organizations, in-
 12 cluding—

13 (1) teachers, administrators, and other school
 14 or education personnel;

15 (2) Federal, State, county, and local law en-
 16 forcement personnel and first responders;

17 (3) employers and labor organizations; and

18 (4) other individuals and organizations the Sec-
 19 retary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-
 20 tion with the individuals and representatives de-
 21 scribed in section 330E–1(c)(2) of the Public Health
 22 Service Act, deems to have regular interaction with

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- 1 individuals who are subject to epilepsy and seizure
- 2 incidents.

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