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# H. RES. 313

Recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating additional funds for research, education, awareness outreach, and early detection.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating additional funds for research, education, awareness outreach, and early detection.

Whereas the incidence of prostate cancer in African-American men is 60 percent higher than in any other racial or ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas African-American men have the highest mortality rate of any ethnic and racial group in the United States, dying at a rate that is 140 percent higher than other ethnic and racial groups;

Whereas that rate of mortality represents the largest disparity of mortality rates in any of the major cancers;

Whereas prostate cancer can be cured with early detection and the proper treatment, regardless of the ethnic or racial group of the cancer patient; and

Whereas African-Americans are more likely to be diagnosed earlier in age and at a later stage of cancer progression than all other ethnic and racial groups, thereby leading to lower cure rates and lower chances of survival: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes that prostate cancer has created  
3       a health crisis for African-American men; and

4               (2) urges Federal agencies to designate additional funds for—

6               (A) research to address and attempt to end  
7       such health crisis; and

8               (B) efforts relating to education, awareness,  
9       and early detection at the grassroots levels  
10      to end such health crisis.

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