



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to provide more funding for research to perfect a more accurate screening test for ovarian cancer.

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Whereas, According to an article written by the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance entitled The Critical Need for Research Funds, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of female cancers; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society predicts that there will be 23,100 new cases of ovarian cancer in the U.S. in the year 2000; and

Whereas, According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 14,000 women who have ovarian cancer will die from the disease in the year 2000; and

Whereas, The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance article states that the high death rate associated with ovarian cancer is due to the fact that the vast majority of woman who have this disease are not diagnosed until the disease has reached an advanced stage; and

Whereas, An additional article written by the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance entitled Facts About Ovarian Cancer (the "Facts Article"), states that with early diagnosis the survival rate for woman with ovarian cancer is 95 percent; and

Whereas, Early detection of ovarian cancer is often not possible because there is no current screening test for the disease; and

Whereas, Additional research is needed to learn more about the causes of ovarian cancer and any preventive measures that may exist, and to determine if a test analogous to the pap smear that detects cervical cancer or a mammogram that detects breast cancer, can be developed to detect ovarian cancer; and

Whereas, According to the Facts Article, research in the area of ovarian cancer remains underfunded; and

Whereas, Specifically, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance states that the \$41.8 million dollars that the National Cancer Institute is spending this year on ovarian cancer research is "still inadequate"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to provide more funding for research to perfect a more accurate screening test for ovarian cancer.

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