

House Resolution 1224

By: Representatives Royal of the 171st, Cooper of the 41st, Butler of the 18th, Sheldon of the 105th, Jerguson of the 22nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Congress to enact H. Con. Res. 182 and to support funding
2 for the development of a cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress is considering the enactment of H. Con. Res. 182,
4 a measure supporting National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week; and

5 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a serious lung disorder causing progressive,
6 incurable lung scarring; and

7 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is one of about 200 disorders known as interstitial
8 lung diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of interstitial lung
10 disease; and

11 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and generally fatal disease
12 marked by progressive scarring of the lungs, causing an irreversible loss of the lung tissue's
13 ability to transport oxygen; and

14 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing disability or
15 death within a few short years; and

16 WHEREAS, there is no proven cause of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; and

17 WHEREAS, more than 128,000 United States citizens have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis,
18 and more than 48,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, representing a 156 percent increase
19 in mortality since 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed;

1 WHEREAS, the median survival rate for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients is two to
2 three years, about two-thirds of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis patients die within five years,
3 and approximately 40,000 patients die each year; and

4 WHEREAS, a need has been identified to increase awareness and detection of this
5 misdiagnosed and underdiagnosed disorder, as well as all incarnations of pulmonary fibrosis.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 this body encourages the United States Congress to enact H. Con. Res. 182 and to support
8 funding for the development of a cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
11 Congressional Delegation.