

House Resolution 527

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, Floyd of the 99th, and Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the need to promote diabetes awareness and testing in minority communities;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States behind heart
4 disease, cancer, stroke, chronic lower respiratory diseases, and accidents; and

5 WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates that 23.6 million adults and
6 children in the United States have diabetes and that the disease is a leading cause of death
7 among minorities, causing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and amputations;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, nearly half of those who have already been diagnosed with diabetes are not
10 reaching their blood glucose target levels; and

11 WHEREAS, not gaining control of blood glucose levels puts patients at risk for serious
12 complications including cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney disease and dialysis, and
13 nerve damage and amputation.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body support awareness campaigns and public education programs on
16 management and recognition of symptoms of diabetes and urge those diagnosed with the
17 disease to work with their healthcare providers to gain control of their blood glucose levels
18 and to manage and prevent complications caused by diabetes.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports efforts to educate providers about
20 treatment standards tailored to individual patients, especially minorities, and supports
21 programs and educational information that enhances availability of culturally sensitive
22 healthcare, thus resulting in more impactful healthcare delivery.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
25 the press.