

House Resolution 1717

By: Representatives Johnson of the 37th, Heard of the 114th, Cooper of the 41st, Hugley of the 133rd, Wilkerson of the 33rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending ViaCyte; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, ViaCyte is a stem cell engineering company dedicated to creating and
3 commercializing therapies to treat diabetes; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are approximately 3 million people diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in
5 America who rack up millions of dollars in medicine and treatment during their lifetime; and
- 6 WHEREAS, doctors typically diagnose Type 1 diabetes in children and young adults; and
- 7 WHEREAS, unlike Type 2 diabetes, Type 1 diabetes is not the result of lifestyle choices
8 such as poor diet and lack of exercise, but rather because the body does not produce insulin,
9 a hormone that helps the body absorb sugar and use it for energy, so it must be injected; and
- 10 WHEREAS, ViaCyte believes they are close to human trials for a device that could use stem
11 cells to control Type 1 diabetes; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this procedure would attach stem cell derived pancreatic cells to a plastic mesh
13 and implant this into a diabetic patient; and
- 14 WHEREAS, ViaCyte has tested their device in more than 3,000 animals and consistently
15 have found that the animals' blood sugar is controlled with the device; and
- 16 WHEREAS, ViaCyte has diligently and conscientiously devoted its time, talents, and energy
17 to treating diabetes; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
19 this company be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend ViaCyte for their contributions to patients with diabetes
22 and recognize their dedication and hard work towards finding a cure.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to ViaCyte.