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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Infection Prevention Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Infection
Prevention Week.

Whereas protecting the health of Americans includes providing every citizen with access to safe and effective health care;

Whereas Infection Prevention and Control Professionals are devoted to patient and health care worker safety and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections;

Whereas the prevention of healthcare-associated infections is instrumental in achieving this goal;

Whereas every year, more than 800,000,000 Americans visit their physicians and over 33,000,000 are admitted to

hospitals, with many undergoing medical procedures that have a risk of infectious complications;

Whereas healthcare-associated infections increase morbidity and mortality and add a significant financial burden to the cost of health care;

Whereas there is need for a public awareness campaign to help Infection Control Professionals make health care professionals and the general public aware of the importance of preventing healthcare-associated infections, thereby reducing the burden of human suffering and disease; and

Whereas the third week of October 2008, would be an appropriate week to observe National Infection Prevention Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Infection Prevention Week;

4 (2) calls upon the people of the United States
5 to observe the week with appropriate programs and
6 activities; and

7 (3) supports raising awareness of the impor-
8 tance of preventing healthcare-associated infections.

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