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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Supporting the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2025, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week” to raise awareness, and encourage the prevention, of falls among older adults.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2025, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week” to raise awareness, and encourage the prevention, of falls among older adults.

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are approximately 14,000,000 falls each year among adults over age 65;

Whereas such falls lead to approximately 3,000,000 emergency room visits each year;

Whereas falls among older adults cause approximately 41,000 preventable deaths annually;

Whereas more than 1 out of 4 older adults in the United States falls each year;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of injuries and injury-related deaths among adults aged 65 and older each year;

Whereas, beyond loss of life and independence, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the total direct medical cost of non-fatal older adult falls is approximately \$80,000,000,000 annually, including approximately \$53,300,000,000 paid by Medicare, approximately \$3,500,000,000 paid by Medicaid, and approximately \$23,200,000,000 paid by private and out-of-pocket payors;

Whereas many such falls could be prevented by addressing biological, behavioral, and environmental risk factors;

Whereas evidence-based, cost-effective strategies (including exercise programs to improve balance and strength, medication management, vision improvement, reduction of home hazards, and falls prevention education) reduce falls; and

Whereas the designation of the week of September 22 through September 28, 2025, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week” would help prevent falls among older adults, including by increasing awareness of falls among older adults and awareness of methods for identifying and reducing fall risks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) supports the designation of “National Falls
4 Prevention Awareness Week”;

1 (2) recognizes that there are evidence-based,
2 cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies;

3 (3) supports the work of those who collaborate
4 to address risk factors that lead to falls among older
5 adults, including—

6 (A) Federal, State, and local government
7 entities (including the Centers for Disease Con-
8 trol and Prevention, the Administration for
9 Community Living, and the Department of
10 Housing and Urban Development);

11 (B) the Aging Network;

12 (C) local community-based organizations;

13 (D) the public health community;

14 (E) health care providers;

15 (F) businesses; and

16 (G) individuals; and

17 (4) encourages continued efforts to reduce and
18 prevent falls; and

19 (5) supports Federal investments in falls pre-
20 vention programs.