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In the House of Representatives, March 23, 1981

1 WHEREAS, In a four-month investigation by the Philadelphia  
2 Daily News, the City of Philadelphia was found to have an  
3 abnormally high rate of cancer deaths; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the investigation, "the city's number  
5 one cancer hot spot is South Philadelphia, west of Broad Street  
6 between South and Taskers Streets, encompassing all of the 186th  
7 Legislative District; and

8 WHEREAS, Again, according to this study the number two cancer  
9 hot spot was found to be Port Richmond and Bridesburg sections  
10 of Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The cancer death rate was found to be well "in  
12 excess" of the expected or average rate in these two areas of  
13 the city; and

14 WHEREAS, In the last National survey, Philadelphia County had  
15 the eighth highest rate of death from cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, Since both communities cited are located in an area  
17 of high industrial activity, the conclusion drawn by the

1 Philadelphia Daily News investigation is obviously a strong  
2 connection between the existing industrial air pollution and the  
3 abnormally high cancer death rate; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House Health and Welfare Committee be  
5 directed to conduct an investigation to determine the levels of  
6 air pollution and the deleterious toxic effects that they may  
7 have on the health of the inhabitants of the City of  
8 Philadelphia; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the House  
10 of Representatives as soon as possible.