
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, BEAR, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN,
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MANN, McCALL, MELIO, MILLARD, MURT, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRONE,
QUINN, SIPTROTH, SWANGER AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact H.R.
2 3543, which would establish the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and
3 Compensation Act.

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 100,000 workers and volunteers
5 participated in the rescue, recovery and cleanup after the
6 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center of September 11,
7 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Those who participated in the operations at the
9 World Trade Center on or after September 11th were exposed to a
10 variety of environmental toxins and psychological strains; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of the individuals affected by the terrorist
12 attacks experienced severe physical and mental problems in the
13 period immediately following September 11th; and

14 WHEREAS, A considerable number of people continue to have
15 physical and mental difficulties, and it is unknown what other
16 problems may develop in the future; and

17 WHEREAS, Although there are three Centers of Excellence in

1 World Trade Center health care in New York City that screen and
2 treat those affected by the September 11th attacks, those
3 clinics have struggled to maintain and improve their services
4 without a steady stream of Federal funding; and

5 WHEREAS, The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act,
6 known as H.R. 3543, was introduced to provide medical monitoring
7 and treatment for anyone exposed to toxins from the World Trade
8 Center; and

9 WHEREAS, H.R. 3543 would establish the World Trade Center
10 Health Programs within the National Institute for Occupational
11 Safety and Health to provide free care for responders and others
12 affected by the events of September 11th; and

13 WHEREAS, The enactment of H.R. 3543 will ensure that first
14 responders and others who spent time in the area around the
15 World Trade Center would receive medical monitoring and
16 treatment for all conditions related to the terrorist attacks
17 and research into medical conditions related to the World Trade
18 Center would be conducted; and

19 WHEREAS, Courage and sacrifice demonstrated by the citizens
20 of this country are worthy of acknowledgment and the necessary
21 treatment, and those who suffer deserve to be recognized for
22 their courage, sacrifice and struggles; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
24 Congress to enact H.R. 3543, which would establish the James
25 Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
27 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
28 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
29 Pennsylvania.