

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to pass legislation
2 authorizing pharmacies to serve as collection sites for
3 unused or expired controlled prescription drugs.

4 WHEREAS, The abuse of prescription drugs, especially
5 controlled substances, is a serious social and health problem in
6 the United States today; and

7 WHEREAS, Drug overdose is now the second most common cause of
8 accidental death in our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, National data shows that as many as 16 million
10 Americans 12 years of age or older have abused controlled
11 prescription drugs, including pain relievers, tranquilizers,
12 sedatives and stimulants; and

13 WHEREAS, Unused controlled prescription drugs at home can
14 contribute to drug abuse and increases the risk of accidental
15 deaths of children and the elderly; and

16 WHEREAS, Abuse of controlled prescription drugs, particularly
17 painkillers, is a rapidly growing threat; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the National Survey on Drug Use and

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress
2 of the United States to pass legislation authorizing pharmacies
3 to serve as collection sites for unused or expired controlled
4 prescription drugs; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
6 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
7 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.