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A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Eating Disorders
2 Association.

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 5 million to 10 million people in the
4 United States suffer from eating disorders, including anorexia
5 nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorder; and

6 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are more common among women,
7 although an increasing number of men also suffer from these
8 disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, At least 0.5% of adolescent and adult females in the
10 United States will suffer from anorexia nervosa in their
11 lifetime; and

12 WHEREAS, At least 1.1% of adolescent and adult females will
13 suffer from bulimia nervosa in their lifetime; and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 2% to 5% of all persons experience
2 binge eating disorder in any given six-month period; and

3 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are associated with serious
4 physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeat,
5 heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis,
6 gastric rupture, peptic ulcer, tooth decay, obesity, gall
7 bladder disease, diabetes and death; and

8 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are associated with substantial
9 psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse
10 and suicide, with anorexia nervosa having the highest premature
11 mortality rate; and

12 WHEREAS, Shame, guilt and misunderstanding often afflict a
13 person who suffers from an eating disorder, thus preventing
14 treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, The goals and ideals of the National Eating
16 Disorders Association and its member organizations are to
17 increase public awareness of eating disorders and to promote
18 healthful eating habits and a healthy body image; therefore be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
21 and ideals of the National Eating Disorders Association to
22 increase public awareness and expand access to appropriate and
23 effective treatment of eating disorders.