House Joint Resolution

By CAA Cure (Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy)

A RESOLUTION to commemorate July as Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA) and Brain Bleeds (Intracranial Hemorrhages) month.

WHEREAS Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA) is a disease that can cause several severe life threatening conditions and debilitating symptoms. CAA can lead to brain bleeds (hemorrhagic strokes) which are life threatening. There are several types of strokes with hemorrhagic stokes making up about 13 percent of cases. <https://www.stroke.org/en/about-stroke/types-of-stroke/hemorrhagic-strokes-bleeds> Thousands of people are newly diagnosed with CAA every year in the United States. Many people are unaware they have CAA until a hemorrhagic stroke occurs or they have an MRI scan; and

WHEREAS, a protein deposit in the blood vessels of the brain that can cause a hemorrhagic stroke (blood leaks out of the brain vessels and damages brain tissue), seizures, vascular dementia and collateral damage to other parts of the body. Currently there is no treatment or cure for CAA; and

WHEREAS, the survival for a CAA patient can vary depending upon severity, stage of progression, and emergency treatment. Hemorrhagic strokes have a very high fatality rate. CAA is responsible for approximately up to 40 percent of hemorrhagic strokes in the elderly, but can also happen as early as someone in their forties. These numbers do not include non-CAA related hemorrhagic strokes. Many patients go undiagnosed every year, and special initiatives, such as this resolution can raise public awareness and save lives; and

WHEREAS, there have been advances in the research of CAA at hospitals including Mass General Hospital (MGH) and the Mayo Clinic, but currently, there lacks awareness and grants that can fund research to find prevention and treatment of CAA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the special organizations, healthcare professionals and facilities across the country as they commemorate the month of July as Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy and Brain Bleeds (Intracranial Hemorrhage) Awareness Month.

References:

[www.angiopathy.org](http://www.angiopathy.org)

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