

the medical community, producing great frustration among concerned parents. For reasons that are far from clear, children with autism often lack the normal means of communicating and interacting with others, making their transitions to adult society extraordinarily difficult.

Achieving a better understanding of autism will take time, money, and the dedication of researchers and volunteers across the country. That is why I call on my colleagues to support additional funding for autism research and surveillance activities performed by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health. It is also vital that we support the basic science research being performed at the National Science Foundation and other institutions, which provide the knowledge base for the more advanced health research performed by medical researchers.

One of the key questions that these researchers are trying to answer is the potential of a connection between environmental factors and the prevalence of developmental disorders like autism. That is why Representative SAXTON and I have formed the Children's Environmental Health Caucus, which will serve to educate members and staff here on the Hill about the latest scientific research into the impact of environmental factors on children's health. I hope my colleagues can join this caucus and work with us to further this type of research.

It is also critical that we provide the services needed to educate and care for those who do have autism. That is why I would like to call on the Congress to establish mandatory full funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is time for the federal government to step up and fulfill its obligation on special education funding for the sake of children with special needs and for the sake of our constituents who often face high property taxes.

I would also like to commend the work of all of the nonprofit groups that do so much to provide for children with autism and their families. Groups like the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (NJCOSAC) provide information, services, advocacy, and education. Others, like the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR), support and fund research into science-based approaches for determining the causes, effective treatments, and potential cures for autism. NAAR, headquartered in Princeton, New Jersey, was founded by two of my constituents, Karen and Eric London, whose son Zachary was diagnosed with autism when he was only twenty-two months old.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution and to remember those children with autism when it comes time to debate appropriations. Funding scientific and biomedical research is not just about giving jobs to scientists—it's about giving hope to people like Karen and Eric London and their son Zachary.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 605 which recognizes the importance of increasing awareness of autism as well as calling for greater investments in Research and Development to combat this disability as well as improving training and support for individuals with autism and their caregivers.

I echo the comments of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on this important issue—that our government must not only fight autism but also the stigma of autism.

As we know, the statistics surrounding autism are staggering.

About 5 out of every 10,000 children are diagnosed with autism, with boys suffering at a rate of four times that of girls.

More concerning is that the rates of autism are increasing at an alarming rate at between 10–17% annual growth in new cases diagnosed.

Autism does not discriminate between races or nationalities and strikes so many, while our knowledge base of this disability is so little.

The facts tell one story, but I would also like to focus on the more human side of autism.

Recently, a father from my district visited my office to tell the story of his son, Adam, who is autistic.

We must combat both the lack of scientific knowledge surrounding autism as well as the public ignorance about this disability.

On behalf of the people that live with autism, like Adam, it is my hope that not only will this resolution be enacted, but that the Congress will follow up on it with new funding to learn more about, treat, and eventually combat autism.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 605, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on the motion to instruct on S. Con. Res. 95 and on the motion to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to instruct on S. Con. Res. 95, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 605, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON S. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on the motion to instruct conferees on the

Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 95.

The Clerk will designate the motion.

The Clerk designated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 208, nays 215, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 145]

YEAS—208

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Neal (MA)
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Oberstar
Alexander	Harman	Obey
Allen	Hastings (FL)	Olver
Andrews	Hill	Ortiz
Baca	Hinchesy	Owens
Baird	Hinojosa	Pallone
Baldwin	Hoeffel	Pascrell
Ballance	Holden	Pastor
Bass	Holt	Payne
Becerra	Honda	Pelosi
Bell	Hoolley (OR)	Peterson (MN)
Bereuter	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Berkley	Inslee	Price (NC)
Berman	Israel	Rahall
Berry	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Bishop (GA)	Jackson-Lee	Reyes
Bishop (NY)	(TX)	Rodriguez
Blumenauer	Jefferson	Ross
Boswell	John	Rothman
Boucher	Johnson, E. B.	Roybal-Allard
Brady (PA)	Jones (OH)	Ruppersberger
Brown (OH)	Kanjorski	Rush
Brown, Corrine	Kaptur	Ryan (OH)
Capps	Kennedy (RI)	Sabo
Capuano	Kildee	Sánchez, Linda
Cardin	Kind	T.
Cardoza	Kleczka	Sanchez, Loretta
Carson (IN)	Kolbe	Sanders
Carson (OK)	Kucinich	Sandlin
Case	Lampson	Schakowsky
Castle	Langevin	Schiff
Chandler	Lantos	Scott (GA)
Clay	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Conyers	Leach	Shays
Cooper	Lee	Sherman
Costello	Levin	Skelton
Cramer	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Crowley	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Cummings	Lofgren	Snyder
Davis (AL)	Lowe	Spratt
Davis (CA)	Lucas (KY)	Stark
Davis (FL)	Lynch	Stenholm
Davis (IL)	Majette	Strickland
Davis (TN)	Maloney	Stupak
DeFazio	Markey	Tanner
DeGette	Marshall	Tauscher
Delahunt	Matheson	Taylor (MS)
DeLauro	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Deutsch	McCarthy (MO)	Thompson (MS)
Dicks	McCarthy (NY)	Tierney
Dingell	McCollum	Towns
Doggett	McDermott	Turner (TX)
Dooley (CA)	McGovern	Udall (CO)
Doyle	McIntyre	Udall (NM)
Edwards	McNulty	Upton
Emanuel	Meehan	Van Hollen
Engel	Meeks (NY)	Velázquez
Eshoo	Menendez	Visclosky
Etheridge	Michaud	Waters
Evans	Millender	Watson
Farr	McDonald	Watt
Fattah	Miller (NC)	Waxman
Ford	Miller, George	Weiner
Frank (MA)	Mollohan	Wexler
Frost	Moore	Woolsey
Gephardt	Moran (VA)	Wu
Gonzalez	Murtha	Wynn
Gordon	Nadler	
Green (TX)	Napolitano	

NAYS—215

Aderholt	Barton (TX)	Boehlert
Akin	Beauprez	Boehner
Bachus	Biggert	Bonilla
Baker	Bilirakis	Bonner
Ballenger	Bishop (UT)	Boozman
Barrett (SC)	Blackburn	Bradley (NH)
Bartlett (MD)	Blunt	Brady (TX)