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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6010

By Representatives Pottorff and S. Sharp

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10 A RESOLUTION urging the ~~Health and Human Services Committee of~~
11 ~~the House of Representatives~~ **Secretary of the Kansas Department**
12 **of Health and Environment** to review the data regarding cervical
13 cancer and human papillomavirus to evaluate current methods of pub-
14 lic education and access to regular cervical cancer screening, and to
15 consider options for increasing screening accuracy.

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17 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in
18 women worldwide after breast cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, According to United States cervical cancer statistics, the
20 disease is the third most common gynecological cancer among American
21 women, with approximately 12,200 new cases being diagnosed annually,
22 and with 4,100 of these cases resulting in fatalities; and

23 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is highly preventable with regular and
24 accurate screening; and

25 WHEREAS, Widespread screening programs have helped reduce
26 death rates from cervical cancer, but women are still dying; and

27 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer cases in the United States are generally
28 attributed to lack of education and access to regular cervical cancer
29 screening, and lack of screening accuracy; and

30 WHEREAS, Experience shows that increasing cervical cancer aware-
31 ness among women, especially underserved women, significantly reduces
32 the probability of mortality; and

33 WHEREAS, New screening technologies, including FDA-approved
34 testing for human papillomavirus, offer new opportunities to eliminate
35 finally this potentially deadly disease through early identification of
36 women at increased risk; and

37 WHEREAS, Leading medical organizations, including the American
38 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Cancer Society and
39 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals have recently updated
40 their screening guidelines to include FDA-approved testing for human
41 papillomavirus; and

42 WHEREAS, Women are entitled to proper cervical cancer informa-
43 tion, so that they can be empowered to make informed health care de-

1 cisions, and access to routine screening, including the most accurate
2 methods available: Now, therefore,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kan-*
4 *sas:* That the House of Representatives recognizes the severity of the
5 issue of cervical health and urges the ~~Health and Human Services Com-~~
6 ~~mittee of the House of Representatives~~ **Secretary of the Kansas De-**
7 **partment of Health and Environment** to review data regarding cer-
8 vical cancer and human papillomavirus and evaluate current methods
9 used to provide women with information regarding cervical cancer, access
10 to regular screening, and options for increasing screening accuracy; and

11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Repre-
12 sentatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the ~~Chairperson~~
13 ~~of the Health and Human Services Committee of the House of Repre-~~
14 ~~sentatives~~ **Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and**
15 **Environment.**