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**Order of Business:** H. Con. Res. 331 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H. Con. Res. 331 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “recognizes the importance of preventing diseases that commonly affect women;
- “supports the goals and ideals of National Women’s Health Week;
- “calls on the people of the United States to use National Women’s Health Week as an opportunity to learn about the health issues women face;
- “calls on the women of the United States to observe National Women’s Check-Up Day by receiving preventative screenings from their health care providers; and
- “recognizes the importance of federally funded programs that provide research and collect data on common diseases in women.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “women of all backgrounds have the power to greatly reduce their risk of common diseases through preventative measures, such as engaging in regular physical activity, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings;
- “significant disparities exist in the prevalence of disease among women of different backgrounds, including women with disabilities, African-American women, Asian/Pacific Islander women, Latinas, and American Indian/Alaskan Native women;
- “healthy habits should begin at a young age;
- “preventative care saves Federal dollars designated for health care;
- “it is imperative to educate women and girls about key female health issues;

- “it is recognized that offices of women’s health within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality are vital in providing critical services that support women’s health research, education, and other necessary services that benefit women of all ages, races, and ethnicities;
- “the annual National Women’s Health Week begins on Mother’s Day and celebrates the efforts of national and community organizations working with partners and volunteers to improve awareness of key women’s health issues; and
- “in 2008, the week of May 11 through May 17 is designated National Women’s Health Week.”

**Committee Action:** H. Con. Res. 331 was introduced on April 17, 2008, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

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