

HRES 217

Supporting the rights of individuals to make medical decisions as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution and encouraging all Americans to set forth their wishes in living wills that designate health care surrogates and in other advance directives.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Apr 14, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (May 10, 2005)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-resolution/217>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]

Party: Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Apr 14, 2005
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 20, 2005
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 20, 2005
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reaffirms the rights of individuals to make medical decisions as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Urges all Americans to: (1) set forth their health care wishes in living wills that designate health care surrogates or in other advance directives; and (2) talk to their families about preferences for medical treatment in the event they are incapable of making informed health care decisions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Apr 22, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.