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H.R. No. 2217

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants (CRP) are  
2 recognized as important components in treatment for countless  
3 patients; however, these substances have been banned at the federal  
4 level by the Controlled Substances Act because they are included  
5 under the definition of "marijuana"; and

6           WHEREAS, Cannabidiol is a substance derived from Cannabis  
7 sativa L., a CRP with a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of  
8 not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis; and

9           WHEREAS, During the 84th Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 339,  
10 which allowed physicians to prescribe low-THC cannabis to patients  
11 diagnosed with intractable epilepsy, was signed into law by  
12 Governor Greg Abbott, who at the time emphasized that low-THC  
13 cannabis does not produce the high associated with smoking  
14 marijuana and that permitting the substance should not be viewed as  
15 a precursor to a broader legalization of marijuana; the bill,  
16 commonly known as the "Texas Compassionate Use Act," noted that the  
17 administration of cannabidiol by means other than smoking has been  
18 the only successful treatment of seizures for many patients with  
19 epilepsy; and

20           WHEREAS, While marijuana is prohibited under the Controlled  
21 Substances Act, evidence suggests that using an extract of  
22 cannabidiol from CRPs is a remarkably safe option in providing  
23 relief for individuals afflicted by seizures caused by epilepsy;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to  
3 amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and  
4 cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of "marijuana"; and,  
5 be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the house forward official  
7 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
8 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
10 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
11 this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a  
12 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.