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Expressing support for the designation of February 7 to 13, 2021, as  
“National Burn Awareness Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of California submitted the following resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of February 7 to  
13, 2021, as “National Burn Awareness Week”.

Whereas burn injuries continue to be one of the leading  
causes of accidental death and injury in our Nation  
where, tragically, children, the elderly, and the disabled  
are especially vulnerable to burn injuries, and almost one-  
third of all burn injuries occur in children under the age  
of 15;

Whereas, annually, in the United States, approximately  
400,000 people receive medical care for treatment of  
burn injuries;

Whereas, in 2018 alone, there were 3,655 deaths from fire and smoke inhalation and another 40,000 people were treated in hospitals for burn-related injuries;

Whereas compared to the overall population, children under 5 were 2 times as likely to be seen for burn injuries at a hospital emergency department;

Whereas young adults in the 20 to 29 age group had 1.4 times the risk, and those in the 30 to 39 age group had 1.3 times the risk of the general population;

Whereas the primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, contact with hot objects, electrical, and chemicals, and most of the injuries occur in the home;

Whereas, today, 96.8 percent of those who suffer burn injuries will survive, but, unfortunately, many of those survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and adjustment difficulties;

Whereas “National Burn Awareness Week”, an initiative of the American Burn Association, is a coming together of burn, fire, and life safety educators to make the public aware of the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injury as well as consistent and authoritative measures to prevent these injuries and how to best care for those that are injured;

Whereas the theme for 2021 National Burn Awareness Week is “Electrical Safety from Amps to Zap!”, where a common risk of injury exists from unprotected electrical outlets, improperly used extension cords, lightning, and workplace electrical injuries;

Whereas significant research and medical advances have dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided reha-

bilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn survival rates;

Whereas aftercare support for the physical and emotional effects of burns has played a key role in the successful reintegration of burn survivors into our communities and burn safety education and prevention efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer burns each year;

Whereas many people devote their lives and careers to treating, caring for, supporting, and rehabilitating burn injury survivors, including those performing vital work in burn research and development; and

Whereas there are dedicated firefighters who risk their own lives every day to protect others, as well as burn foundations and other life safety professionals who promote burn injury awareness and prevention: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of a “National  
3       Burn Awareness Week”; and

4               (2) calls upon all government agencies, fire, life  
5       safety, health care organizations, communications  
6       media, and the people of our Nation to observe “Na-  
7       tional Burn Awareness Week” with the appropriate  
8       ceremonies and activities.