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THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK APPLAUDS U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TODD PLATTS (R-PA) AND ELIJAH CUMMINGS (D-MD) FOR INTRODUCING HOUSE RESOLUTION 1328, RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

EL SEGUNDO, CA – (July 18, 2008) – The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the only national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure, commends Representatives Todd Platts (R-PA) and Elijah Cummings (D-MD) for raising awareness for pancreatic cancer with the introduction of House Resolution 1328. The legislation recognizes November as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. In addition, the resolution acknowledges the need for additional research funding to learn more about the causes of pancreatic cancer, find early detection methods and more effective treatment options.

"The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is grateful for the efforts of Representatives Platts and Cummings for their continued efforts to raise awareness for this deadly disease," stated Julie Fleshman, President and CEO. "We urge Congress to keep the spotlight on pancreatic cancer not only during November Awareness Month but throughout the year to help save the lives of over 38,000 Americans who will be diagnosed in 2008."

Pancreatic cancer is the 4th leading cause of cancer death in the United States, yet is the most under recognized and least studied among leading cancer killers. In an effort to make significant progress with this deadly disease, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network launched, in January 2008, Raise the Cure, an unprecedented initiative that combines a commitment to raise \$25 million in private funding with a call for the federal government to devote more attention and resources to finding a cure and treatments for pancreatic cancer.

The federal component of the plan, called The National Plan to Advance Pancreatic Cancer Research, was developed by the organization's esteemed Scientific Advisory Board, and is a detailed blueprint of the research and federal resources required to make true inroads in this disease, by boosting research funding, focusing the research, building a pool of talented young researchers, and launching a new patient and physician education program.

To learn more about the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and to get involved during Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month, visit www.pancan.org.

About the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the only national organization creating hope in a comprehensive way through research, patient support, community outreach and advocacy for a cure. The organization raises money for direct private funding of research—and advocates for more aggressive federal research funding of medical breakthroughs in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network fills the void of information and options by giving patients and caregivers reliable, personalized information they need to make informed decisions. We create a sense of hope and community so no one has to face pancreatic cancer alone. The organization helps support individuals and communities all across the country work together to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for pancreatic cancer.

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