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Promote Scientific Jobs and Stop Cuts to Research for Cures for Cancer, Heart Disease, Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, and other Illnesses at the National Institutes of Health

1. Decrease budget authority and outlays for Function 970 to eliminate excess Overseas Contingency Funding by the following amounts in billions of dollars.

	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	2018
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Outlays	1.529	0.897	0.352	0.127	0.037

2. Increase budget authority and outlays for Function 550 by the following amounts in billions of dollars to ensure that this resolution does not trigger reductions in research personnel or cuts to research being conducted through the National Institutes of Health for cures to cancer, heart disease, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or any other illnesses.

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3. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman's mark.
4. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution preserves funding for basic and applied biomedical research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to ensure that vital health-related research is not interrupted and that technical research jobs are not lost.

NIH research prolongs life, reduces disability, and strengthens the economy. NIH is the largest single source of biomedical research in the world, and this research contributes to economic growth in communities across America, producing well-paying jobs for individuals and helping to keep the United States globally competitive. Studies estimate that NIH supports between

351,000 and 432,000 technical jobs that are scattered across each and every state in the country, with an average annual wage of more than \$52,000.

NIH investments allow scientists to make fundamental biomedical advances and conduct the clinical research that transforms discoveries into medical practice, improving America's health. The results of its research continue to lead to new treatments to a wide range of illnesses and diseases, revolutionizing patient care. Sudden decreased funding for health science research is inefficient. It can result in substantial delays in projects that are already underway and harms our nation's newest and youngest researchers. Sustained, predictable funding for research will maximize the return on this investment in our nation's future.

The increased funding for vital research and scientific personnel is offset by reducing funding for Function 970. The amendment reduces the 2014 funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations account from \$93 billion to \$90 billion to account for reduced troop levels in Afghanistan. The Administration has announced its intent to reduce the numbers of deployed personnel in Afghanistan by 34,000 over the next year. The Congressional Budget Office calculated overseas deployments could cost even less -- just \$70 billion in 2014 based on a troop drawdown scenario reflecting a reduction of 30,000 deployed personnel from 2013 levels.