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WASHINGTON- Today, Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove) celebrated the passage of H.R. 3, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support by a vote of 253-174.

Sanchez made the following floor statement in support of H.R. 4:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of HR 3, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007.

I am proud to have been an original co-sponsor of this legislation in both the 109th and 110th Congresses.

HR 3 will increase the number of embryonic stem cell lines that are eligible for use in federally-funded research while maintaining strict ethical standards ensuring that only stem cells from embryos that would otherwise be discarded by fertility clinics can be used for research.

My home state of California has taken the lead in stem cell research.

In Orange County, California, the University of California-Irvine's Reeves Center is the home to spectacular research that is utilizing stem cells to work towards finding new treatments for spinal cord injury.

I hope that any member who has questions about stem cell research will seek out a research center like the Reeves Center to learn about the amazing progress that researchers are making towards finding treatments and cures for spinal injury, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, ALS, multiple sclerosis, and cancer among others.

Federal-support for this groundbreaking research will help researchers find answers even faster. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

