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RECOGNIZING DOCTOR KASHYAP PATEL AS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

HON. RALPH NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedicated service and enlightening research of Dr. Kashyap Patel, the Chief Executive Officer of Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates.

Dr. Patel was born and grew up in Gujarat state, India, where his father taught him about the great activist, Mahatma Gandhi. During this time, he learned his life's guiding principle: "You walk with people. You don't walk over them; you don't talk over them. Be a voice for the voiceless, marginalized, underprivileged citizens."

In 1996, Dr. Patel immigrated to the United States from the United Kingdom on an EB-1 as an individual of extraordinary ability due to his achievements in cancer research. He became a naturalized citizen in 2002. Upon moving to the U.S., he completed his residency at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, New York, primarily serving a low-income minority population.

As the CEO of Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates, a practice with eight providers, Dr. Patel and his colleagues have never turned away any patients with cancer in over two decades, irrespective of ability to pay. This is all due to his 501C-3 foundation, No One Left Alone (NOLA), which supports uninsured cancer patients. All proceeds from his book, *Between Life and Death*, also go to the NOLA Foundation.



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Dr. Patel has an encouraging and loving family— his wife, Alpa, son, Maharshi, and daughter-in-law, Hirangi, support him in walking his path of placing others above himself.

In 2022, Dr. Patel was recognized for his work in "The ASCO Post Narratives in Oncology," an annual special issue commemorating oncology leaders from across the world. He is the first community oncologist to receive this distinction.

Just a few of his other awards and outstanding achievements include: President of the Community Oncology Alliance; Living the Mission Award NCODA 2021; Lifetime achievement award, SCOS for contribution to cancer; 2022 Nominee of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at VCOM in Spartanberg, SC; Medical Director of the Internal Oncology Network for diversity, equity, and inclusivity; and Associate Editor in Chief at the AJMC-Evidence Based Oncology.

Dr. Kashyap Patel has set the GOLD STANDARD for decades of dedicated service and commitment to his patients and to the community, for which he will long be remembered— and for that we all join in saying THANK YOU!

Hon. Ralph Norman
Member of Congress