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Expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in their fight against the disease.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1997

Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. REID, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in their fight against the disease.

Whereas individuals with breast cancer need a support system in their time of need;

Whereas breast cancer is a disease of epidemic proportions, with 43,900 individuals in the United States expected to die from breast cancer in 1997, and 1 out of every 8 women in the United States expected to develop breast cancer in her lifetime;

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Whereas the millions of family members, including spouses, children, parents, siblings, and other loved ones of persons with breast cancer can offer strong emotional support to each other in addition to the support they offer to patients and survivors dealing with their challenges;

Whereas it is important that the United States as a whole support the family members and other loved ones of individuals with breast cancer in addition to supporting the individual with breast cancer; and

Whereas 1997 brings the 25th anniversary of the National Cancer Program providing research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and their families: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that an  
2 environment be encouraged where—

3           (1) the family members and loved ones of indi-  
4 viduals with breast cancer can support each other in  
5 addition to the individual with breast cancer; and

6           (2) everything possible should be done to sup-  
7 port both the individuals with breast cancer as well  
8 as the family and loved ones of individuals with  
9 breast cancer through public awareness and edu-  
10 cation.

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