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# S. RES. 96

Proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as “National Safe Place Week”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as “National Safe Place Week”.

Whereas today’s youth are vital to the preservation of our country and will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youth need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the Nation’s youth;

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting our Nation’s most valuable asset, our youth, by offering short term “safe places” at neighborhood locations where more than 2,500 trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance;

Whereas Safe Place combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations uniting to reach youth in the early stages of crisis;

Whereas Safe Place provides a direct means to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach/community relations, as set forth in the Federal runaway and homeless youth guidelines;

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youth;

Whereas currently 34 States and more than 6,000 business locations have established Safe Place programs; and

Whereas increased awareness of the program’s existence will encourage communities to establish Safe Places for the Nation’s youth throughout the country: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) proclaims the week of March 15 through  
3       March 21, 1998, as “National Safe Place Week”;  
4       and

5               (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
6       mation calling upon the people of the United States  
7       and interested groups to promote awareness of and  
8       volunteer involvement in the Safe Place organiza-

- 1 tion, and to observe the week with appropriate cere-
- 2 monies and activities.

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