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S. RES. 330

Designating the week beginning September 24, 2000, as “National Amputee Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2000

Mr. INHOFE submitted the following resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning September 24, 2000, as
“National Amputee Awareness Week”.

Whereas current research indicates that more than 1.5 million Americans, of all ages and of both genders, have had amputations;

Whereas every year 156,000 individuals in the United States lose a limb;

Whereas each month 13,000 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas each week 2,996 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas each day 428 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas becoming an amputee is a lifetime condition, not just a temporary circumstance;

Whereas prosthetic care can range in cost from \$8,000 to more than \$70,000 depending on the level of care and function of the patient;

Whereas most insurance policies cover prosthetics with the stipulation of one prosthesis per patient for life;

Whereas the average prosthesis lasts between three and five years;

Whereas the general public is unaware of the plight of the amputee community;

Whereas an increased awareness to the issues faced by the amputee community will also bring about increased awareness for further research; and

Whereas establishing “National Amputee Awareness Week” will bring the cause of amputee awareness to the national front: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) proclaims the week of September 24,
3 through September 30, 2000, as “National Amputee
4 Awareness Week”; and

5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
6 mation calling upon the people of the United States,
7 interested groups, and affected persons to promote
8 the awareness of the amputee community, and to ob-
9 serve the week with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
10 tivities.

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