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S. RES. 47

Designating the week of March 21 through March 27, 1999, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition has declared the week of March 21 through March 27, 1999, “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”.

Whereas inhalant abuse is nearing epidemic proportions, with almost 20 percent of all youths admitting to experimenting with inhalants by the time they graduate from high school, and only 4 percent of parents suspecting their children of inhalant use;

Whereas according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, inhalant use ranks third behind the use of alcohol and tobacco for all youths through the eighth grade;

Whereas the over 1,000 products that are being inhaled to get high are legal, inexpensive, and found in nearly every home and every corner market;

Whereas using inhalants only once can lead to kidney failure, brain damage, and even death;

Whereas inhalants are considered a gateway drug, leading to the use of harder, more deadly drugs; and

Whereas because inhalant use is difficult to detect, the products used are accessible and affordable, and abuse is so common, increased education of young people and their parents regarding the dangers of inhalants is an important step in our battle against drug abuse: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of March 21 through
3 March 27, 1999, as “National Inhalants and Poi-
4 sons Awareness Week”;

5 (2) encourages parents to learn about the dan-
6 gers of inhalant abuse and to discuss those dangers
7 with their children; and

8 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
9 mation calling upon the people of the United States
10 and interested groups to observe such week with ap-
11 propriate ceremonies and activities.

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