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S. RES. 325

Designating the month of September 2002 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELMS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MILLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. THURMOND, and Mrs. CARNAHAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the month of September 2002 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

Whereas over 1,000,000 American families live with prostate cancer;

Whereas 1 American man in 6 will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime;

Whereas over the past decade prostate cancer has been the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer and the second most common cancer killer of American men;

Whereas 189,000 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 30,200 American men will die of prostate cancer in 2002, according to American Cancer Society estimates;

Whereas fully $\frac{1}{4}$ of new cases of prostate cancer occur in men during their prime working years;

Whereas African-Americans have the highest incidence and mortality rates of prostate cancer in the world;

Whereas screening by both digit rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen blood test (PSA) can diagnose the disease in earlier and more treatable stages and has reduced prostate cancer mortality;

Whereas the research pipeline promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

Whereas educating Americans, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting our families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of September 2002 as
3 “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”;

4 (2) declares that the Federal Government has a
5 responsibility—

6 (A) to raise awareness about the impor-
7 tance of screening methods and treatment of
8 prostate cancer;

1 (B) to increase research funding that is
2 commensurate with the burden of the disease so
3 that the causes of, and improved methods for
4 screening, treating, and curing prostate cancer
5 may be discovered; and

6 (C) to continue to consider ways for im-
7 proving access to, and the quality of, health
8 care services for detecting and treating prostate
9 cancer; and

10 (3) requests the President to issue a proclama-
11 tion calling upon the people of the United States, in-
12 terested groups, and affected persons to promote
13 awareness of prostate cancer, to take an active role
14 in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate
15 cancer on individuals, their families, and the econ-
16 omy, and to observe the month of September 2002
17 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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