

Calendar No. 359

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 58

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 30, 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with an amendment, an amendment to the preamble, and an amendment to the title

[Strike all after the resolving clause and the preamble and insert the part printed in italic]

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas an estimated 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States and, in the majority of such cases, the person is stalked by someone who is not a stranger;

Whereas 81 percent of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women who are killed by an intimate partner were also stalked by that intimate partner;

Whereas 26 percent of stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and 7 percent never return to work;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas stalking is a crime that cuts across race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas there are national organizations, local victim service organizations, prosecutors' offices, and police departments who stand ready to assist stalking victims and who are working diligently to craft competent, thorough, and innovative responses to stalking; and

Whereas there is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and stalking victims, including aggressive investigation and prosecution: Now, therefore, be it

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Whereas there is a need to enhance the criminal justice system's response to stalking and stalking victims, including aggressive investigation and prosecution; and

Whereas Congress urges the establishment of January, 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That—*

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2 provides an opportunity to educate the people of
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4 (B) all Americans should applaud the ef-
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6 lice, prosecutors, national and community orga-
7 nizations, and private sector supporters for
8 their efforts in promoting awareness about
9 stalking; and

10 (C) policymakers, criminal justice officials,
11 victim service and human service agencies, non-
12 profits, and others should recognize the need to
13 increase awareness of stalking and availability
14 of services for stalking victims;

15 (2) Congress urges national and community or-
16 ganizations, businesses in the private sector, and the
17 media to promote, through National Stalking Aware-
18 ness Month, awareness of the crime of stalking; and

19 (3) Congress supports the goals and ideals of
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Amend the title so as to read: “Resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by urging the establishment of January 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month.”.

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