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S. RES. 56

Designating the month of March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month,
in memory of journalist David Bloom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

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

RESOLUTION

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Awareness Month, in memory of journalist David Bloom.

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when
a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, which may
result in a fatal pulmonary embolism;

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable
medical condition;

Whereas deep-vein thrombosis occurs in approximately
2,000,000 Americans every year;

Whereas fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each
year than breast cancer and AIDS combined;

Whereas complications from deep-vein thrombosis take up to
200,000 American lives each year;

Whereas fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common preventable cause of hospital death in the United States;

Whereas the risk factors for deep-vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases;

Whereas pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth;

Whereas, according to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 percent of Americans are unaware of deep-vein thrombosis;

Whereas National Broadcasting Company correspondent David Bloom died of a fatal pulmonary embolism while covering the war in Iraq;

Whereas Melanie Bloom, widow of David Bloom, and more than 35 members of the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis are working to raise awareness of this silent killer; and

Whereas the establishment of March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month in honor of David Bloom would raise public awareness about this life-threatening but preventable condition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the month of March as “Deep-
3 Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month”;

4 (2) honors the memory of David Bloom; and

5 (3) recognizes the importance of raising aware-
6 ness of deep-vein thrombosis.

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