

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 300

To designate the week of November 3, 1996, as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FRAHM, Mr. REID, Mr. GLENN, Mr. EXON, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To designate the week of November 3, 1996, as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”.

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome describes the consequences that occur when a young child is violently shaken;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome is so lethal that 20 to 25 percent of its victims die, and most survivors suffer brain damage;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome accounts for 10 to 12 percent of all child abuse and neglect cases in the United States;

Whereas 25 to 50 percent of teenagers and adults do not know that shaking a baby is dangerous;

Whereas education is the key to preventing this tragedy; and

Whereas the United States Senate has a continuing commitment to the health and safety of this Nation's children:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates the week of No-
2 vember 3, 1996, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome
3 Awareness Week". The President is requested to issue a
4 proclamation calling upon the people of the United States
5 to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
6 tivities.

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