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S. CON. RES. 102

Proclaiming the week of May 4 through May 11, 2002, as “National Safe Kids Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2002

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the week of May 4 through May 11, 2002,
as “National Safe Kids Week”.

Whereas unintentional injury is the number 1 killer of children under 15 years of age;

Whereas in 2000, more than 373,000 children under 15 years of age were treated in hospital emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries, and more than 16,600 children under 15 years of age were treated for equestrian-related injuries;

Whereas more than 40 percent of all bicycle-related deaths are due to head injuries, approximately three-fourths of all bicycle-related head injuries occur among children under 15 years of age, and 60 percent of all equestrian-related deaths are related to head injury;

Whereas the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle and equestrian accidents is a properly fitted and safety certified helmet;

Whereas national estimates report that helmet use among child bicyclists is only between 15 and 25 percent;

Whereas every dollar spent on a bicycle helmet saves this Nation \$30 in direct medical costs and other costs to society;

Whereas there is no national safety standard in place for equestrian helmets;

Whereas the National Safe Kids Campaign supports efforts to reduce equestrian-related head injuries;

Whereas the National Safe Kids Campaign promotes childhood injury prevention by uniting diverse groups into State and local coalitions, developing innovative educational tools and strategies, initiating legislative changes, promoting new technology, and raising awareness through the media; and

Whereas the National Safe Kids Campaign, with the support of founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, has planned special childhood injury prevention activities and community-based events for National Safe Kids Week 2002, which will focus on the prevention of wheel-related traumatic brain injuries: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) proclaims the week of May 4 through May
4 11, 2002, as “National Safe Kids Week”;

1 (2) supports the efforts and activities of the
2 National Safe Kids Campaign to prevent childhood
3 injuries, including bicycle-related traumatic brain in-
4 juries and equestrian-related brain injuries; and

5 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
6 mation calling upon the people of the United States
7 to observe National Safe Kids Week with appro-
8 priate ceremonies and activities.

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