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S. RES. 243

Designating the week of April 21 through April 28, 2002, as “National Biotechnology Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. THURMOND) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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as “National Biotechnology Week”.

Whereas biotechnology is a strategic industry and is increasingly important to the research and development of products that improve health care, agriculture, industrial processes, environmental remediation, and biological defense;

Whereas biotechnology has been responsible for medical breakthroughs that have benefited millions of people worldwide through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and other drugs;

Whereas biotechnology is central to research into cures and treatments for conditions such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, and many other ailments;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity, reduces chemical pesticide use, and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses that are critical to the agriculture of the United States;

Whereas biotechnology offers the potential for increasing food production, particularly in developing nations facing chronic food shortages;

Whereas biotechnology, through industrial applications, is creating an abundance of efficient enzymes and other biobased products, which foster cleaner industrial processes and can help produce energy, fine chemicals, and biobased plastics from renewable resources;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to homeland defense and national security by providing the tools to develop a new generation of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics for defense against bioterrorism;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States as the global leader in research and development, and international commerce;

Whereas biotechnology will be an important catalyst for creating more high-skilled jobs throughout the 21st century and will help reinvigorate rural economies; and

Whereas it is important for all people of the United States to understand the beneficial role biotechnology plays in an improved quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of April 21 through
3 April 28, 2002, as “National Biotechnology Week”;
4 and

5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
6 mation calling on the people of the United States to
7 observe this week with appropriate programs, cere-
8 monies, and activities.

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