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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as “National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2003

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CRAIG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as “National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week”.

Whereas cystic fibrosis, characterized by digestive disorders and chronic lung infections, is a fatal lung disease;

Whereas cystic fibrosis is one of the most common fatal genetic diseases in the United States and one for which there is no known cure;

Whereas more than 10,000,000 Americans are unknowing carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene;

Whereas 1 out of every 3,500 babies born in the United States is born with cystic fibrosis;

Whereas approximately 30,000 people in the United States, many of whom are children, have cystic fibrosis;

Whereas the average life expectancy of an individual with cystic fibrosis is 33 years;

Whereas prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of those who have this disease;

Whereas recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in gene, protein, and drug therapies beneficial to persons afflicted with the disease;

Whereas this innovative research is progressing faster and is being conducted more aggressively than ever before, due in part to the establishment of a model clinical trials network by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

Whereas education of the public on cystic fibrosis, including the symptoms of the disease, increases knowledge and understanding of cystic fibrosis and promotes early diagnoses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
4 Senate that the President should designate the week of
5 October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as “Na-
6 tional Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week”.

7 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the Presi-
8 dent to issue a proclamation—

1 (1) designating the week of October 12, 2003
2 through October 18, 2003, as “National Cystic Fi-
3 brosis Awareness Week”; and

4 (2) calling on the people of the United States
5 to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and
6 activities.

7 (c) *ADDITIONAL ACTION*.—The Senate commits to
8 increasing the quality of life for individuals with cystic fi-
9 brosis by promoting public knowledge and understanding
10 in a manner that will result in earlier diagnoses, more
11 fund-raising efforts for research, and increased levels of
12 support for those with cystic fibrosis and their families.

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