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S. RES. 206

Designating August 2005 as “Psoriasis Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2005

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 28, 2005

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating August 2005 as “Psoriasis Awareness Month”.

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are chronic, immune-mediated diseases for which there is no cure;

Whereas more than 5,000,000 men, women, and children in the United States have been diagnosed with either psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis;

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are painful and disabling diseases that have a significant and adverse impact on the quality of life of an individual diagnosed with either of these diseases;

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health funded a study that found that psoriasis may cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases, includ-

ing cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and depression;

Whereas psoriasis is associated with elevated rates of depression and suicidal ideation;

Whereas each year the people of the United States spend more than \$4,000,000,000 to treat psoriasis;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of psoriatic arthritis may help prevent irreversible joint damage; and

Whereas treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis presents a challenge for patients and physicians because no 1 treatment works for everyone, some treatments lose effectiveness over time, many treatments are used in combination with other treatments, and all treatments may cause a unique set of side effects: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates August 2005 as
- 2 “Psoriasis Awareness Month”.

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