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# S. RES. 325

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

Whereas an estimated 12,400 children are diagnosed with cancer each year;

Whereas cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under age 15;

Whereas an estimated 2,300 children die from cancer each year;

Whereas the incidence of cancer among children in the United States is rising by about 1 percent each year;

Whereas 1 in every 330 people in the United States develops cancer before age 20;

Whereas approximately 8 percent of deaths of individuals between 1 and 19 years old are caused by cancer;

Whereas, while some progress has been made, a number of opportunities for childhood cancer research still remain unfunded or underfunded;

Whereas limited resources for childhood cancer research can hinder the recruitment of investigators and physicians to the field of pediatric oncology;

Whereas the results of peer-reviewed clinical trials have helped to raise the standard of care for pediatrics and have improved cancer survival rates among children;

Whereas the number of survivors of childhood cancers continues to increase, with about 1 in 640 adults between ages 20 to 39 having a history of cancer;

Whereas up to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of childhood cancer survivors are likely to experience at least 1 late effect from treatment, which may be life-threatening;

Whereas some late effects of cancer treatment are identified early in follow-up and are easily resolved, while others may become chronic problems in adulthood and have serious consequences; and

Whereas 89 percent of children with terminal cancer experience substantial suffering in the last month of life: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that Con-  
2 gress should support—

1           (1) public and private sector efforts to promote  
2 awareness about—

3           (A) the incidence of cancer among chil-  
4 dren;

5           (B) the signs and symptoms of cancer in  
6 children; and

7           (C) options for the treatment of, and long-  
8 term follow-up for, childhood cancers;

9           (2) increased public and private investment in  
10 childhood cancer research to improve prevention, di-  
11 agnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, post-treatment  
12 monitoring, and long-term survival;

13           (3) policies that provide incentives to encourage  
14 medical trainees and investigators to enter the field  
15 of pediatric oncology;

16           (4) policies that provide incentives to encourage  
17 the development of drugs and biologics designed to  
18 treat pediatric cancers;

19           (5) policies that encourage participation in clin-  
20 ical trials;

21           (6) medical education curricula designed to im-  
22 prove pain management for cancer patients;

23           (7) policies that enhance education, services,  
24 and other resources related to late effects from  
25 treatment; and

- 1 (8) grassroots efforts to promote awareness and
- 2 support research for cures for childhood cancer.

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